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WHAT DOES ONE DO WHEN FACED WITH AN ENEMY WHOSE RESOURCES SEEM LIMITLESS, WHOSE NUMBERS ARE MANY, AND WHOSE GOAL IS TOTAL VICTORY NO MATTER "WHAT" THE COST?

IF YOU'RE AN ECHIDNA NAMED KNUCKLES, WHOSE EXPERIENCE IS RELATIVELY LIMITED, WHOSE FRIENDS ARE A SELECT FEW AND WHOSE SWORN DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE SOARING PARADISE HE LIVES ON, YOU GET READY TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT. YOU GIVE IT YOUR ALL IN ORDER TO PROTECT THAT WHICH YOU'VE BEEN IN ENTRUSTED WITH... EVEN IF IT MEANS YOUR VERY LIFE.

YOU ALSO LEARN FROM THE LESSONS YOU'VE BEEN TAUGHT, EMPLOYING THE WEAPONS OF ONE'S INTELLIGENCE AGAINST THEIRS OF BRUTE FORCE. THE CONVICTION OF ONE'S BELIEFS AND THE COURAGE AGAINST THEIRS OF BLIND OBEDIENCE AND CRUELTY AND THE EMBODIMENT OF ONE'S HONOR AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE NONE.

IF YOU'RE AN ECHIDNA NAMED KNUCKLES, ABOVE ALL ELSE, YOU HAVE FAITH THAT YOU'VE BEEN SHOWN THE RIGHT PATH IN LIFE, AND IF YOU'RE TRUE TO YOURSELF, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BUT FEAR ITSELF...

I HATE TO SAY IT, FELLAS--
--BUT UNLESS WE MOVE IT, WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO LOSE IT!
HOW COME YOU'RE ALWAYS SO FULL OF BAD KARMA, ESP?
Y'KNOW, VECTOR--

--HE'S GOT A POINT!
AFTER ALL, THAT'S NOT A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS COMING HERE TO PARTY!

ONLY ONE CHANCE!
LISTEN UP CAREFULLY, YALL! THIS IS GOING TO NEED SPLIT-SECOND TEAMWORK!

MIGHTY! FRONT AND CENTER!
OKAY, M'MAN, WE NEED THAT HUNKA WOOD ON THE GROUND AS A ROADBLOCK FOR STARTERS!
ANOTHER-- UGH-- ROADBLOCK-- UGH--

COMING THROUGH!
YEAH, BUT WHILE EVERYBODY ELSE IS JUMPING FROM THE FRYING PAN--

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—WE'RE STILL FACING THE FIRE!
BOOM!
BLOOD IS THICKER
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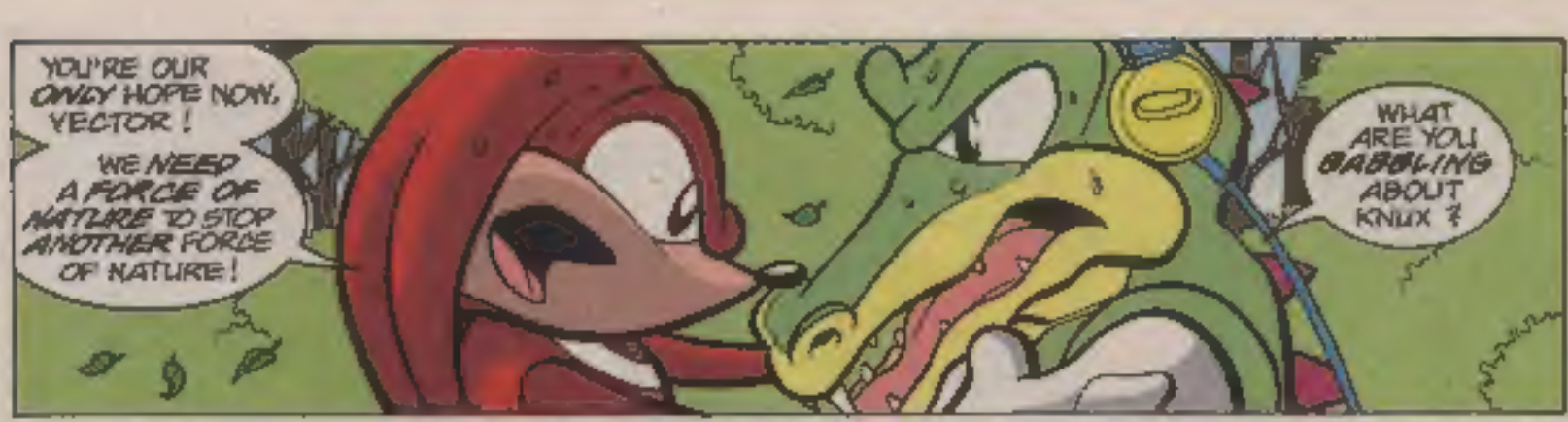
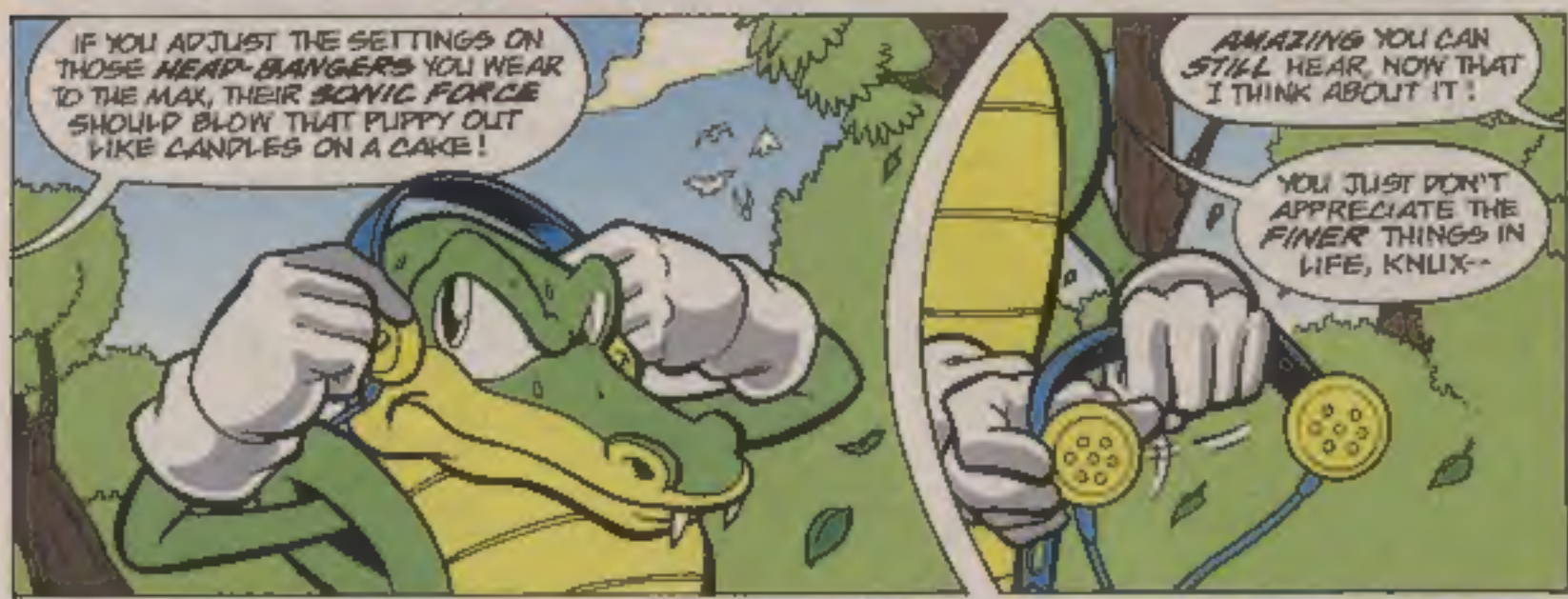
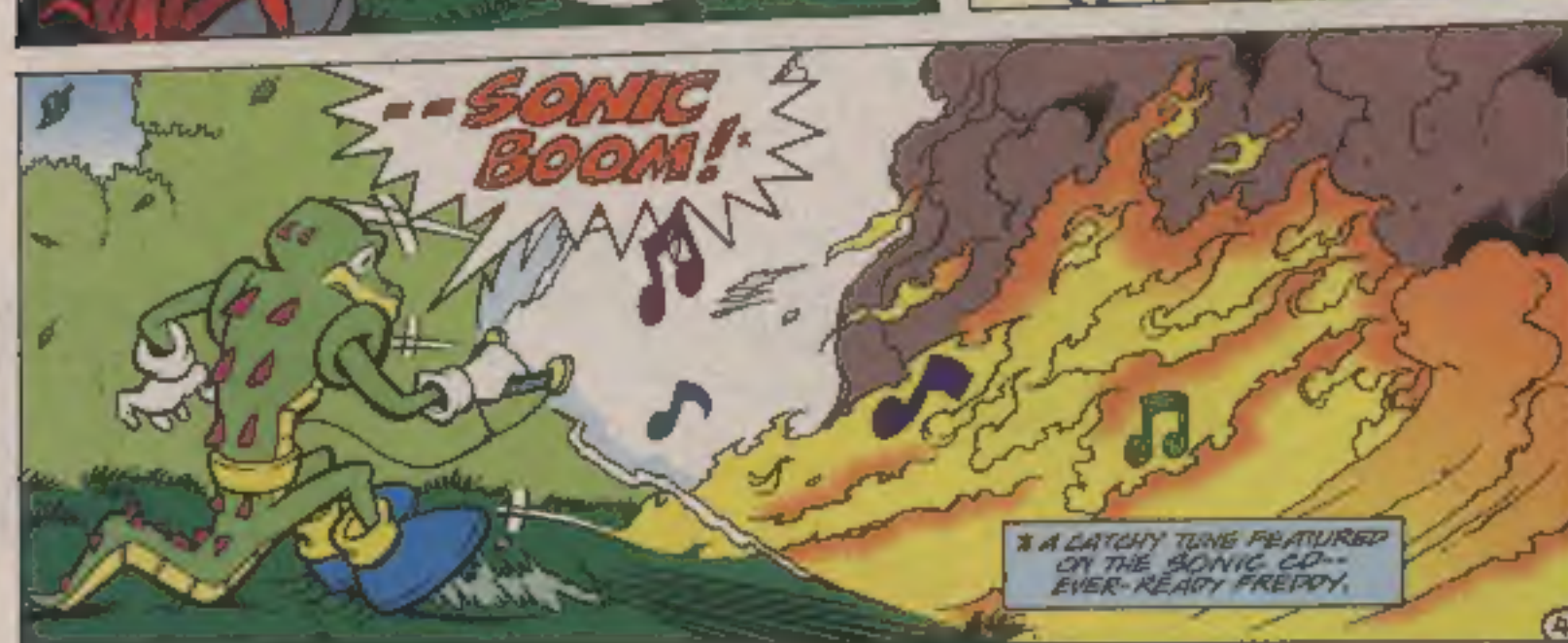

YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE NOW, VECTOR!
WE NEED A FORCE OF NATURE TO STOP ANOTHER FORCE OF NATURE!
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT KNUX?


IF YOU ADJUST THE SETTINGS ON THOSE HEAD-BANGERS YOU WEAR TO THE MAX, THEIR SONIC FORCE SHOULD BLOW THAT PUPPY OUT LIKE CANDLES ON A CAKE!
AMAZING YOU CAN STILL HEAR, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT!
YOU JUST DON'T APPRECIATE THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE, KNUX--

--THOUGH I GOTTA ADMIT THAT SOUND CRANKED TO THE MAX DOESN'T QUALIFY!
YOU GUYS READY?
NEVER READIER, VECTOR!

THEN HERE COMES THAT TOP TEN FAV--

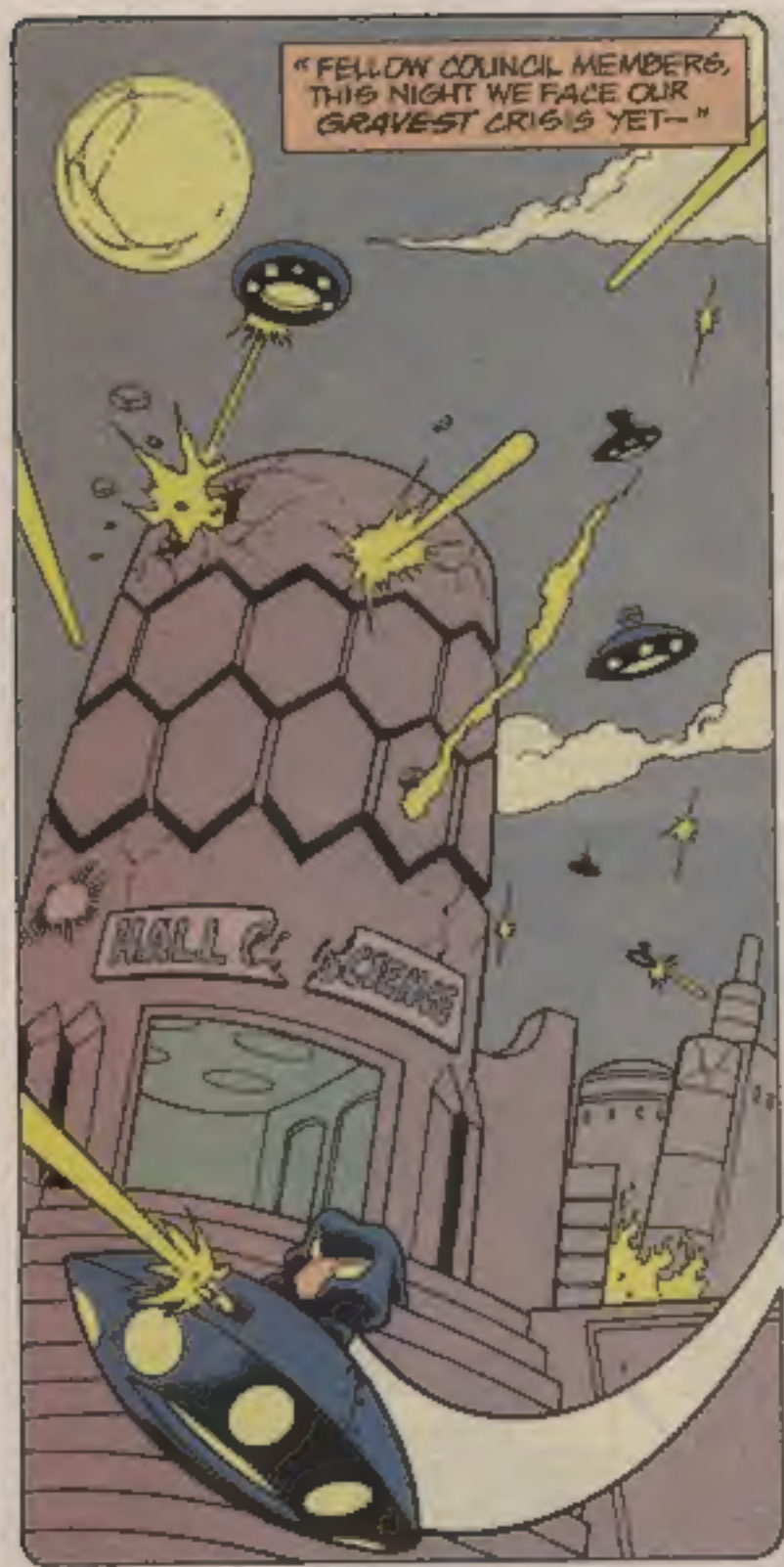

--SONIC BOOM!*
* A CATCHY TUNE FEATURED ON THE SONIC CD-- EVER-READY FREDDY.

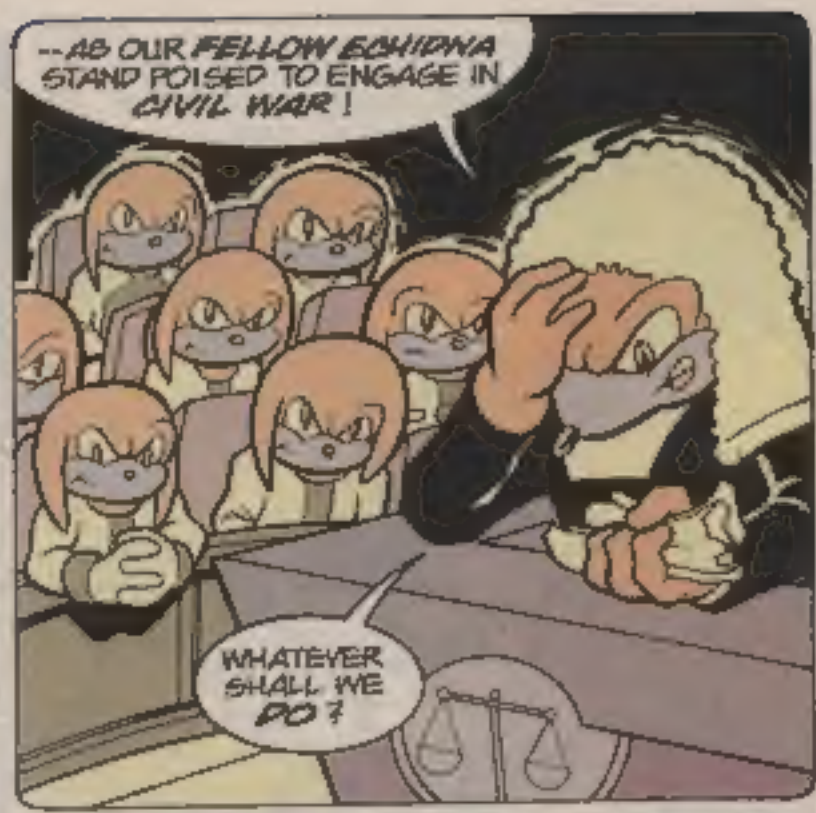
WUH--WUH--WHATTA RUSHHH!!

KEEP HANGIN', GUYS!
STAY CLOSE, CHARM, SO YOU DON'T GO SPLAT!
ONE OF THESE DAYS, VECTOR'S GOING TO REVEAL WHERE HE GOT SUCH A POWERFUL TOY!

SHADES OF HADES!
REVERSE COURSE!

REVERSE!
REVERSE!
AWNOP--
BA-DOOOM!

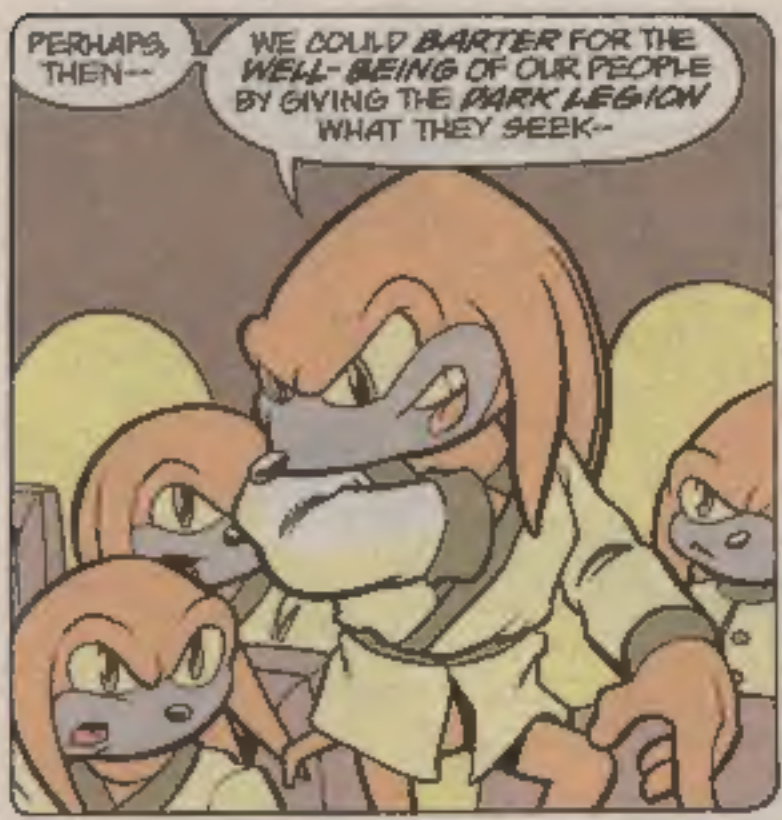

"FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS, THIS NIGHT WE FACE OUR GRAVEST CRISIS YET--"
HALL OF SCIENCE


--AS OUR FELLOW ECHIDNA STAND POISED TO ENGAGE IN CIVIL WAR!
WHATEVER SHALL WE DO?

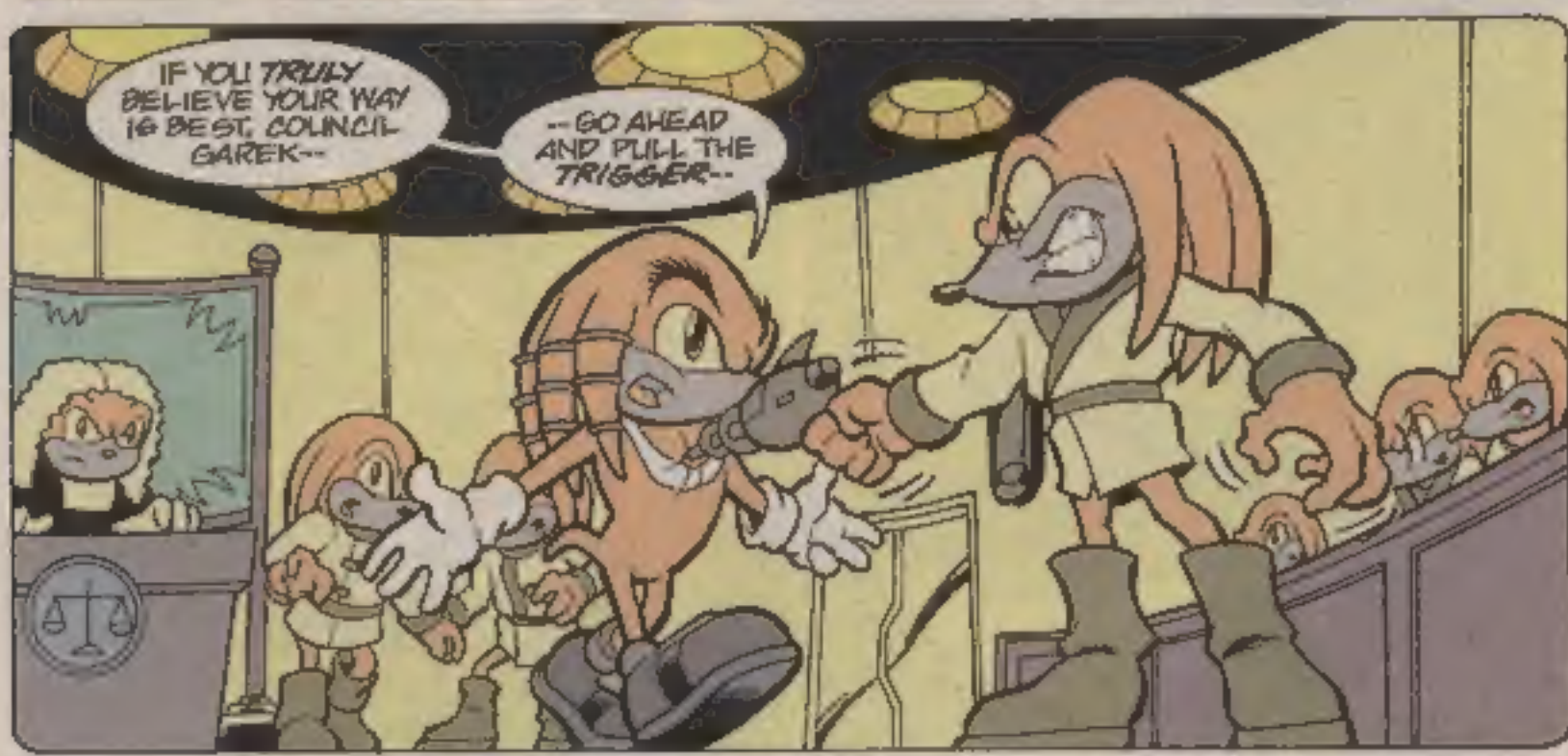
FOR STARTERS--
--WE DON'T GIVE IN TO DESPAIR, HIGH COUNCILOR!

YOU!
YOUR FAMILY IS THE REASON WE'RE IN THIS MESS!

MY FAMILY IS ALSO THE REASON OUR PEOPLE STILL SURVIVE!
IS THAT A FACT?


PERHAPS, THEN--
WE COULD BARTER FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLE BY GIVING THE DARK LEGION WHAT THEY SEEK--

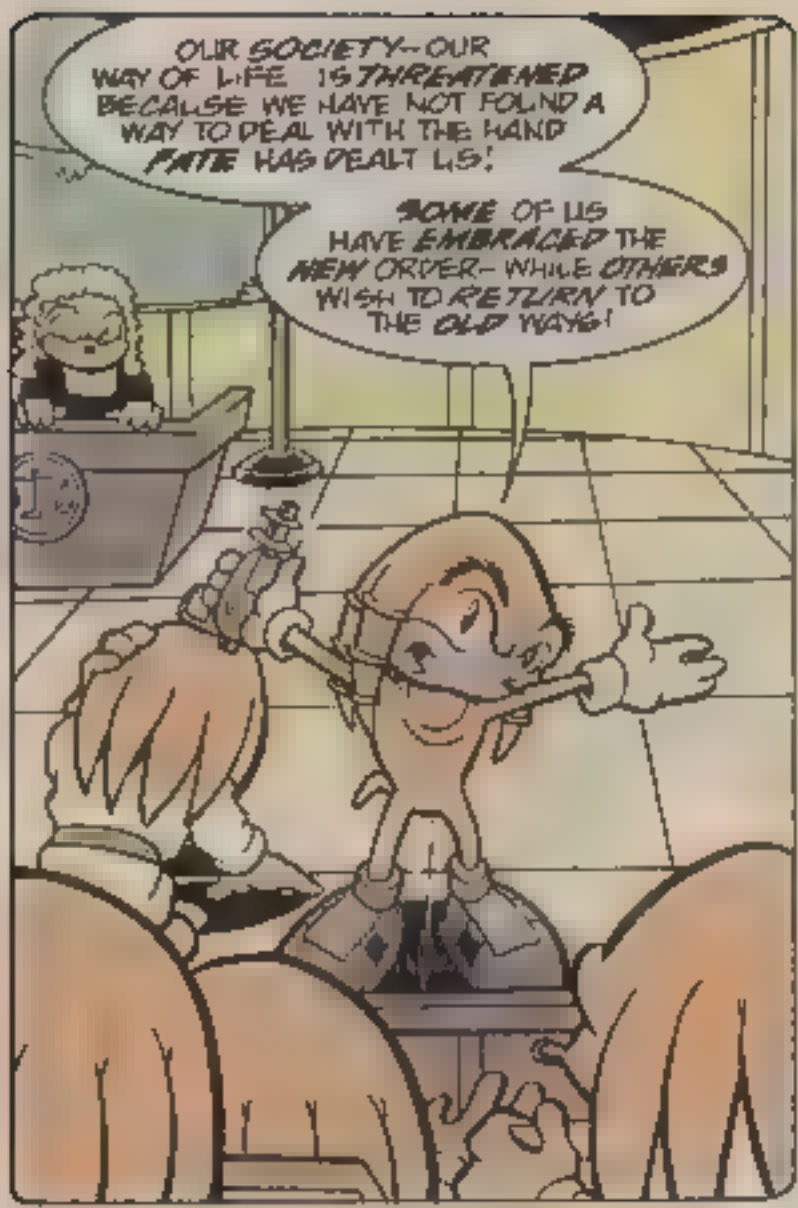
--YOUR HEAD--
--ON A PLATTER, NO LESS!

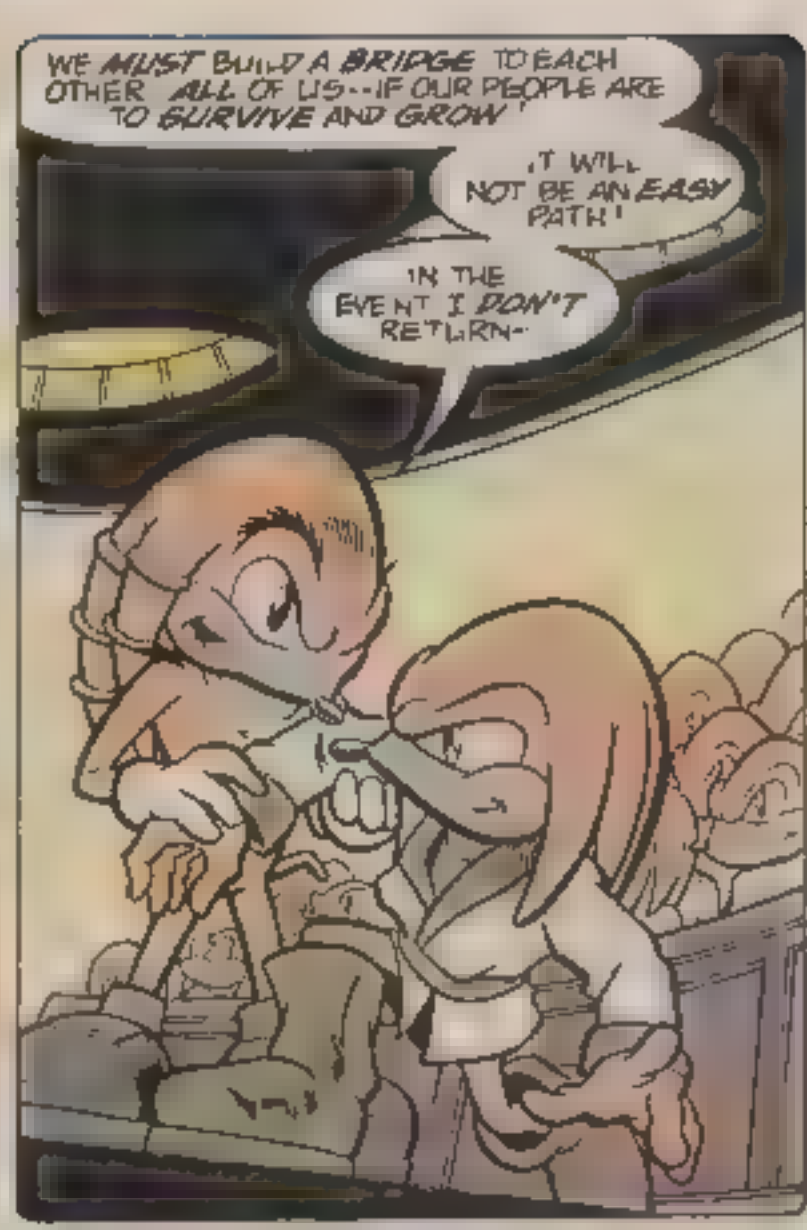

IF YOU TRULY BELIEVE YOUR WAY IS BEST, COUNCIL GAREK--
--GO AHEAD AND PULL THE TRIGGER--

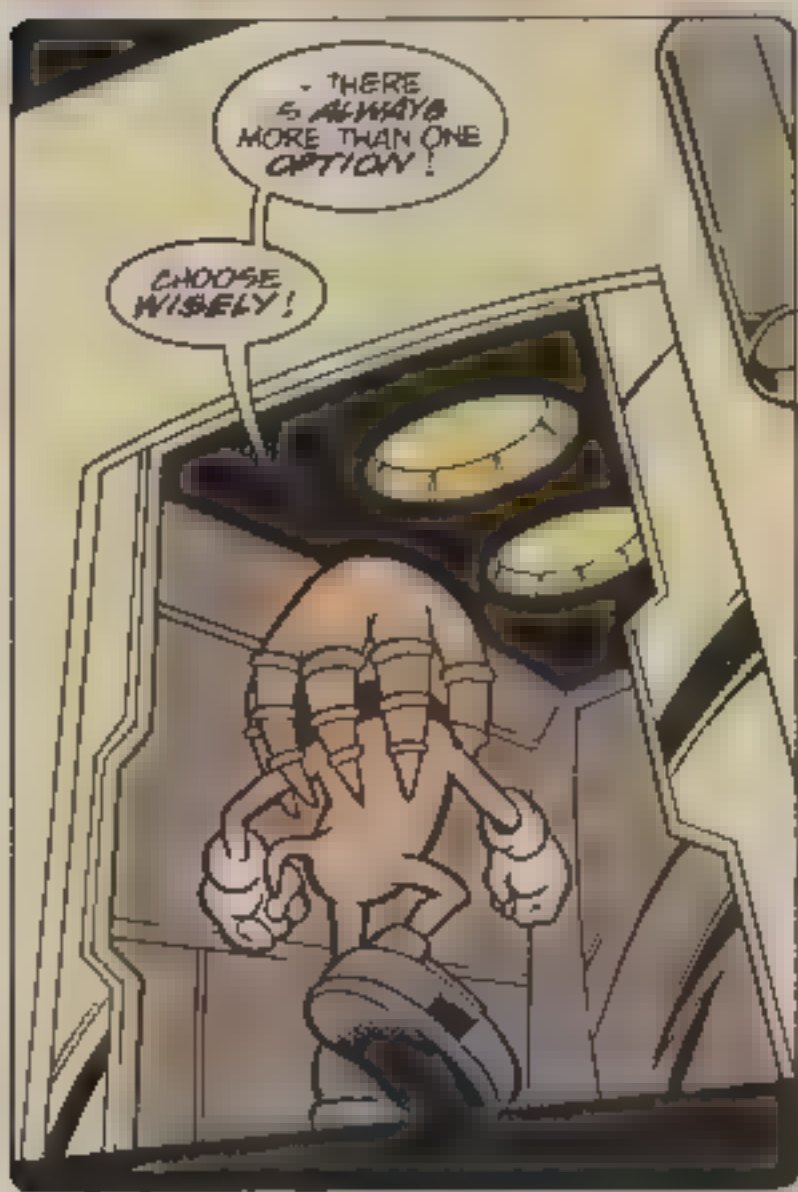
--FOR I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU AND YOURS!

NOOOO...

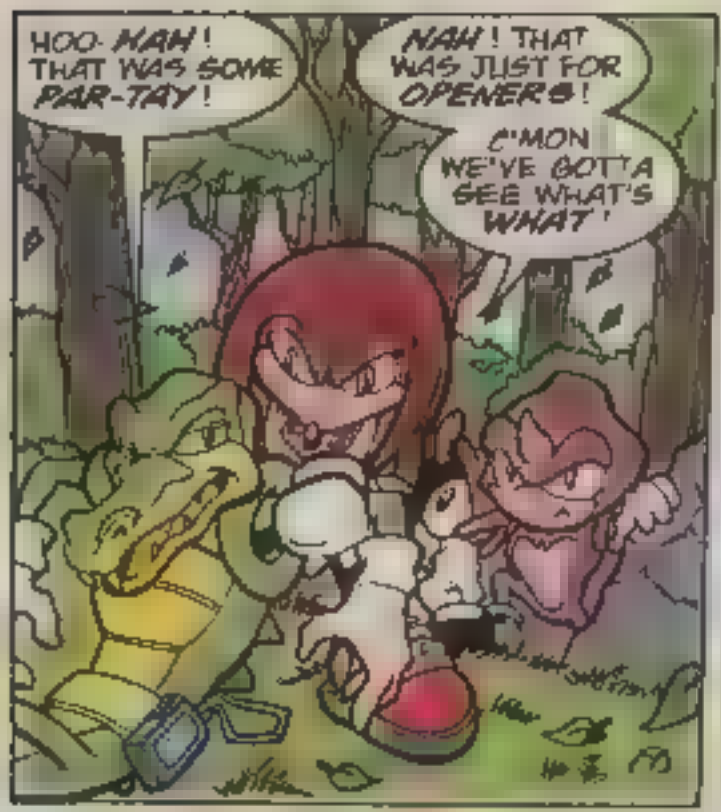
I'M NOT WORTHY!
IF YOU'RE NOT, THEN WHO IS?

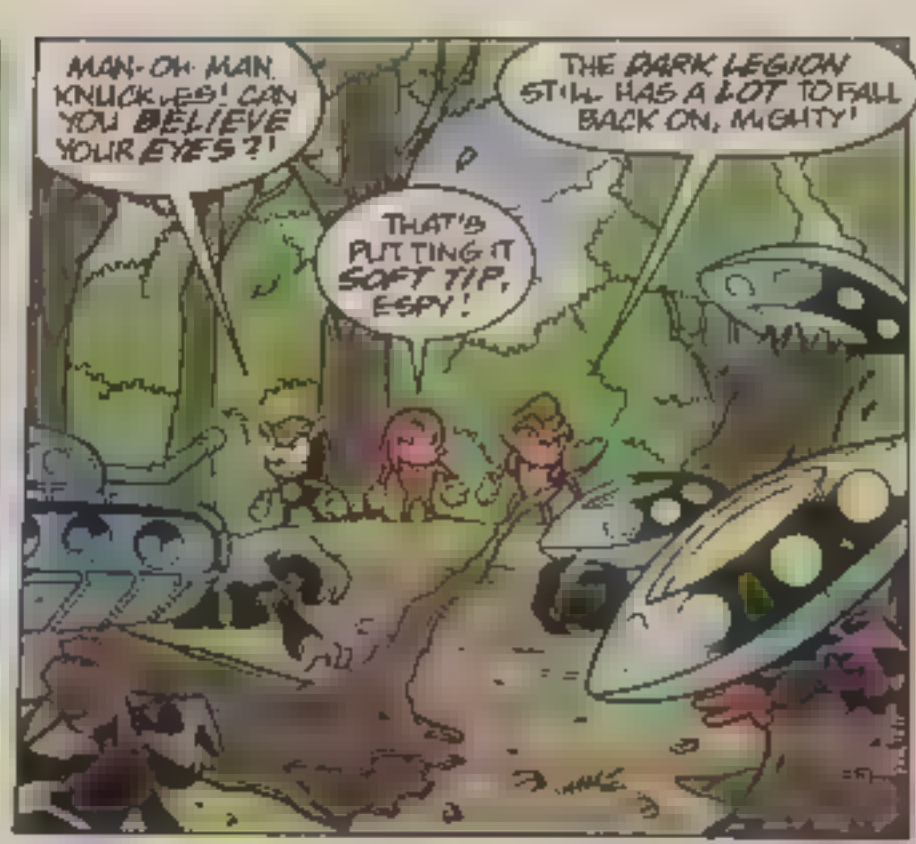

OUR SOCIETY—OUR WAY OF LIFE IS THREATENED BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT FOUND A WAY TO DEAL WITH THE HAND FATE HAS DEALT US!
SOME OF US HAVE EMBRACED THE NEW ORDER—WHILE OTHERS WISH TO RETURN TO THE OLD WAYS!

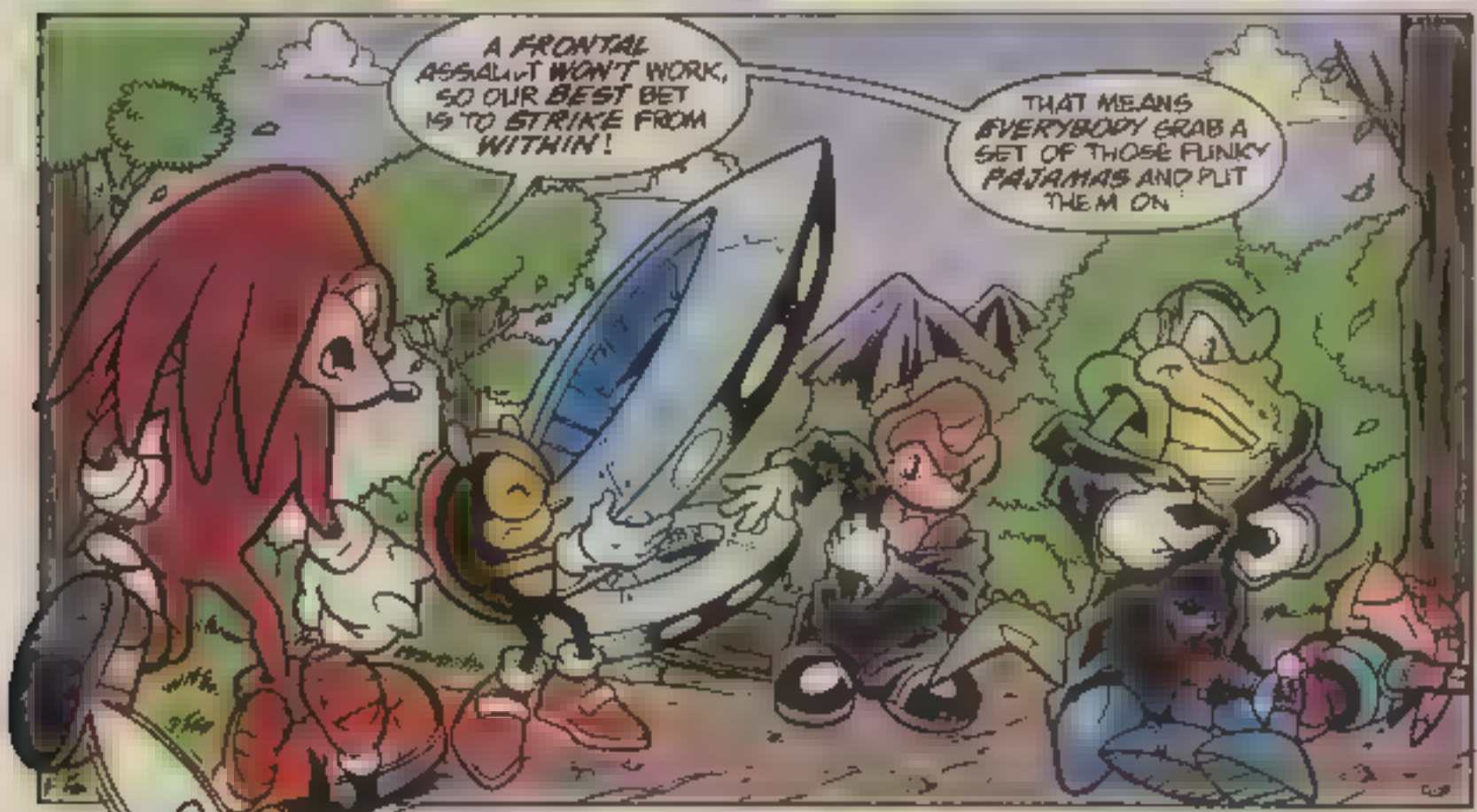

WE MUST BUILD A BRIDGE TO EACH OTHER ALL OF US--IF OUR PEOPLE ARE TO SURVIVE AND GROW!
IT WILL NOT BE AN EASY PATH!
IN THE EVENT I DON'T RETURN--

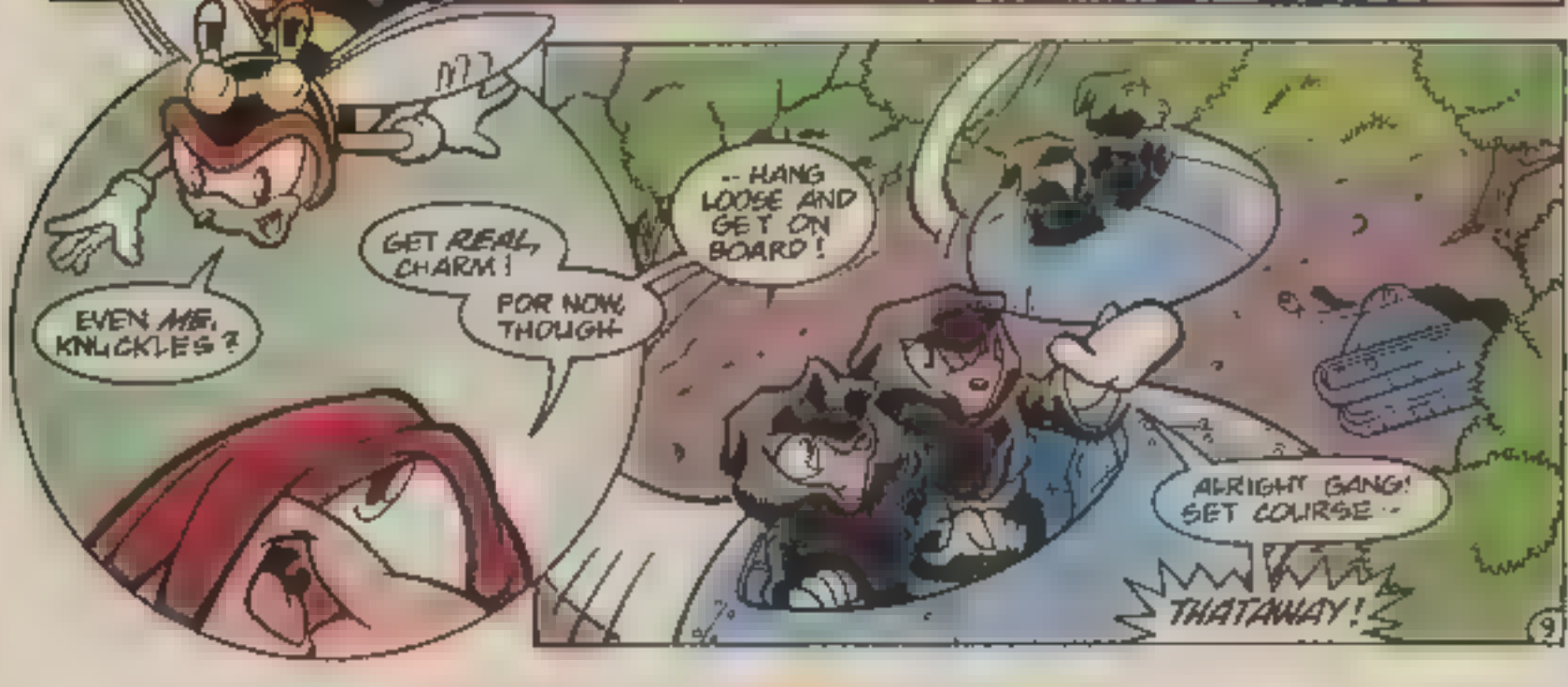

--THERE IS ALWAYS MORE THAN ONE OPTION!
CHOOSE WISELY!

I SUBMIT TO THIS DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL--
--THERE GOES A SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHY WE SHALL OVERCOME
GODSPEED STEPPENWOLF!


HOO-MAH! THAT WAS SOME PAR-TAY!
NAH! THAT WAS JUST FOR OPENERS!
C'MON WE'VE GOTTA SEE WHAT'S WHAT!


MAN-OH-MAN, KNUCKLES! CAN YOU BELIEVE YOUR EYES?!
THE DARK LEGION STILL HAS A LOT TO FALL BACK ON, MIGHTY!
THAT'S PUTTING IT SOFT TIP, ESPY!


A FRONTAL ASSAULT WON'T WORK, SO OUR BEST BET IS TO STRIKE FROM WITHIN!
THAT MEANS EVERYBODY GRAB A SET OF THOSE FUNKY PAJAMAS AND PUT THEM ON!


EVEN ME, KNUCKLES?
GET REAL, CHARM!
FOR NOW, THOUGH--
-- HANG LOOSE AND GET ON BOARD!
ALRIGHT GANG! SET COURSE--
THATAWAY!

BOGEYS UP AHEAD!

LOTS AND LOTS OF BOGEYS, KNUCKLES!

SHOULDN'T WE WAIT FOR THE CAVALRY?

WHAT CAVALRY?!

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO COULD POSSIBLY BE OF ANY HELP IN TACKLING THAT-- THAT--WHATEVER!

HOW ON MOBIUS COULD SUCH A THING BE BUILT WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING ABOUT IT?

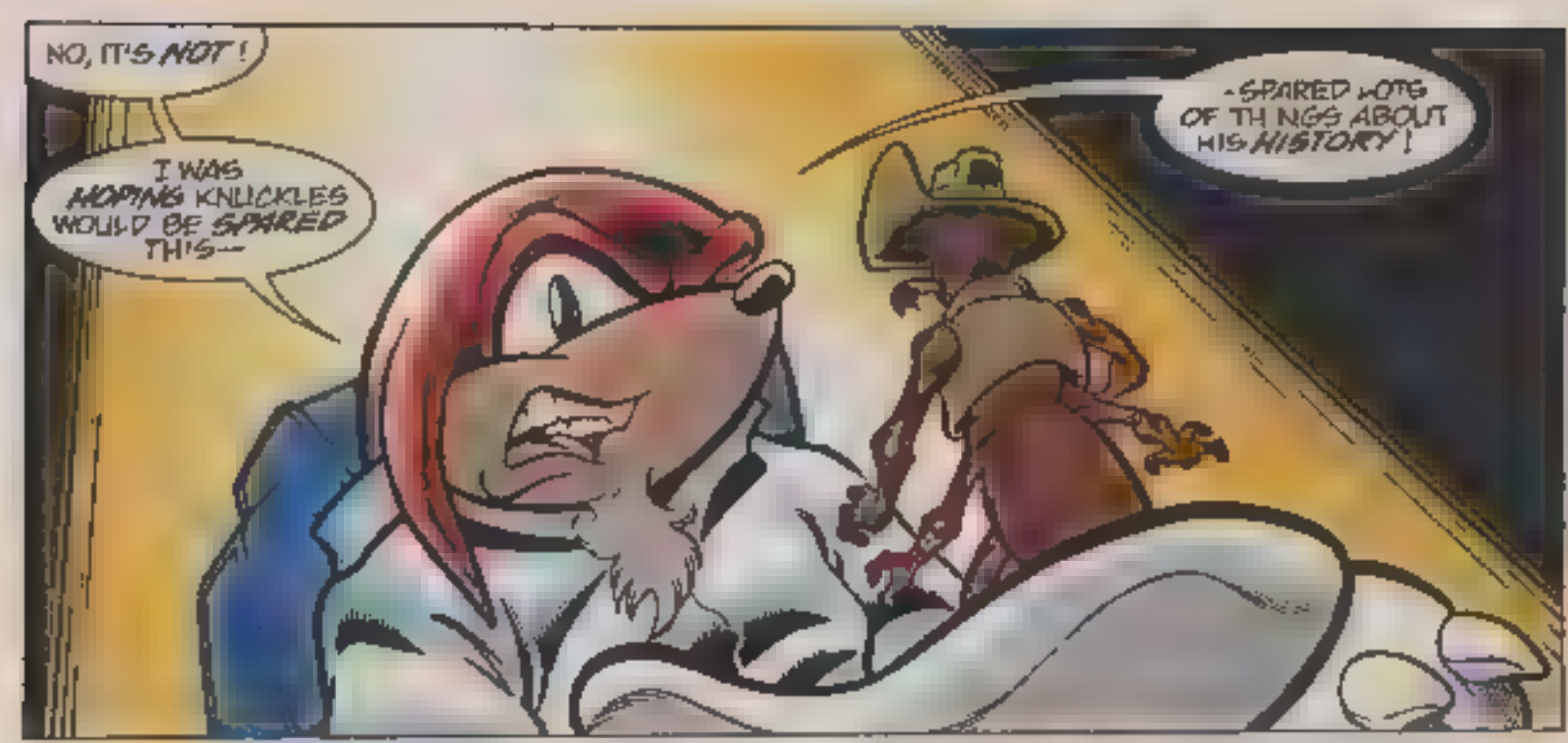
VERY SIMPLE, KNUCKLES!

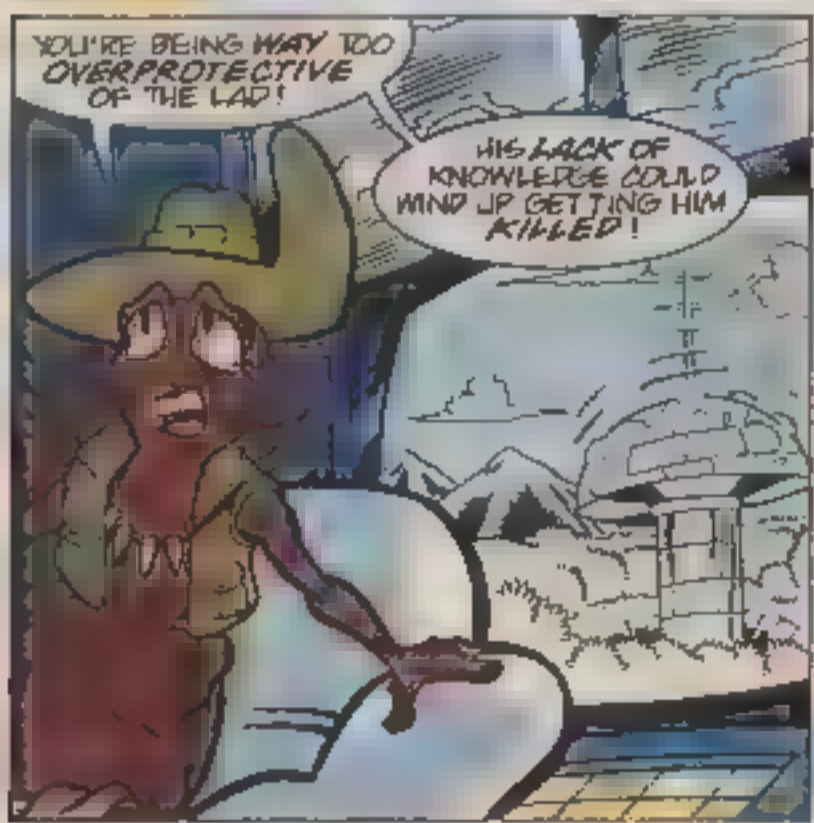
SEEING AS IT WAS BUILT A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!

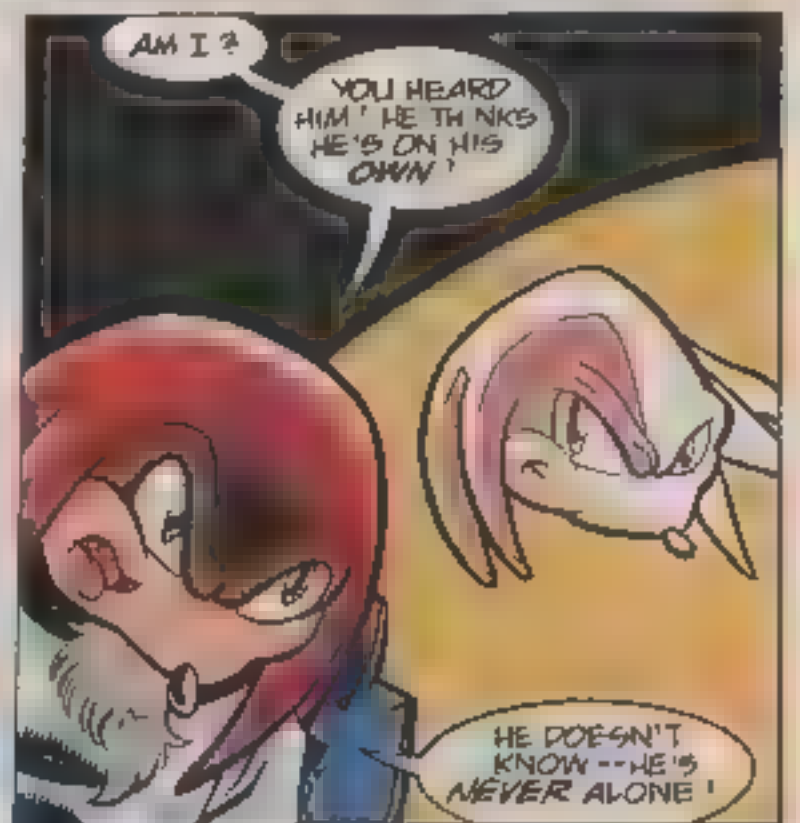
THEN AGAIN--

--THE DARK LEGION IS NOT A PLEASANT SUBJECT TO DISCUSS--

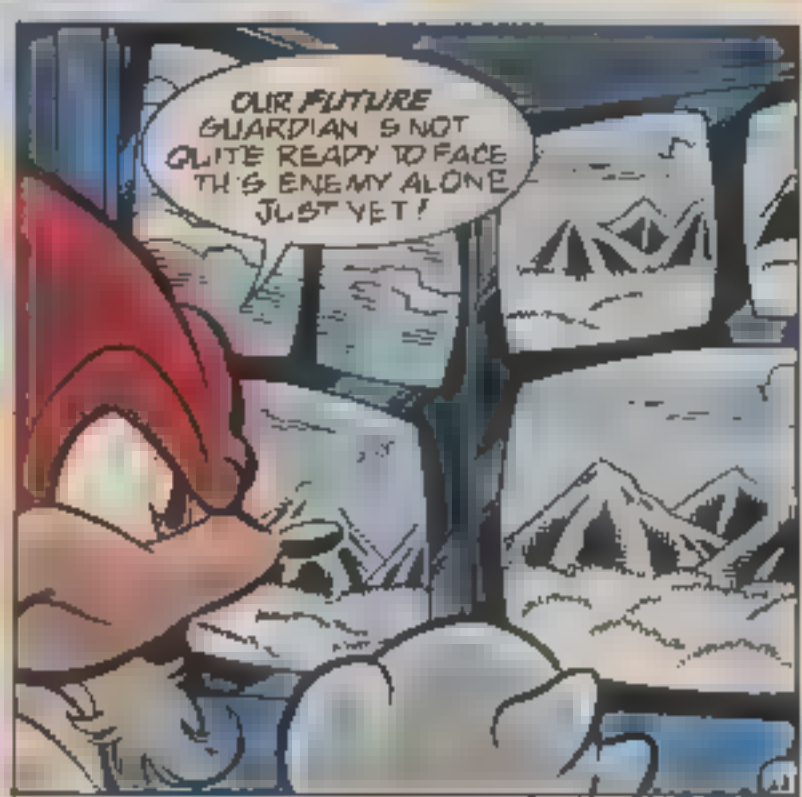
--IS IT?


NO, IT'S NOT!
I WAS HOPING KNUCKLES WOULD BE SPARED THIS--
-SPARED LOTS OF THINGS ABOUT HIS HISTORY!


YOU'RE BEING WAY TOO OVERPROTECTIVE OF THE LAD!
HIS LACK OF KNOWLEDGE COULD WIND UP GETTING HIM KILLED!


AM I?
YOU HEARD HIM! HE THINKS HE'S ON HIS OWN!
HE DOESN'T KNOW--HE'S NEVER ALONE!

GO TO HIM, OLD ONE!
LEAD HIM OUT OF HARM'S WAY!


OUR FUTURE GUARDIAN IS NOT QUITE READY TO FACE THIS ENEMY ALONE JUST YET!

"AFTER ALL, HE'S ONLY EXPERIENCED FIFTEEN SEASONS, WHILE THE LEGION HAS EXISTED FOR THAT MANY GENERATIONS!"

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

ALL PERSONNEL ARE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE GREAT HALL!

THE GREAT HALL?

IXNAY, MIGHTY!

JUST FOLLOW THE PROCESSION!

SAY, KNUX, ISN'T THAT--?

GREAT HALL

--SHORT, SCARY AND UGLY? YEAH, THAT'S HIM ALRIGHT!

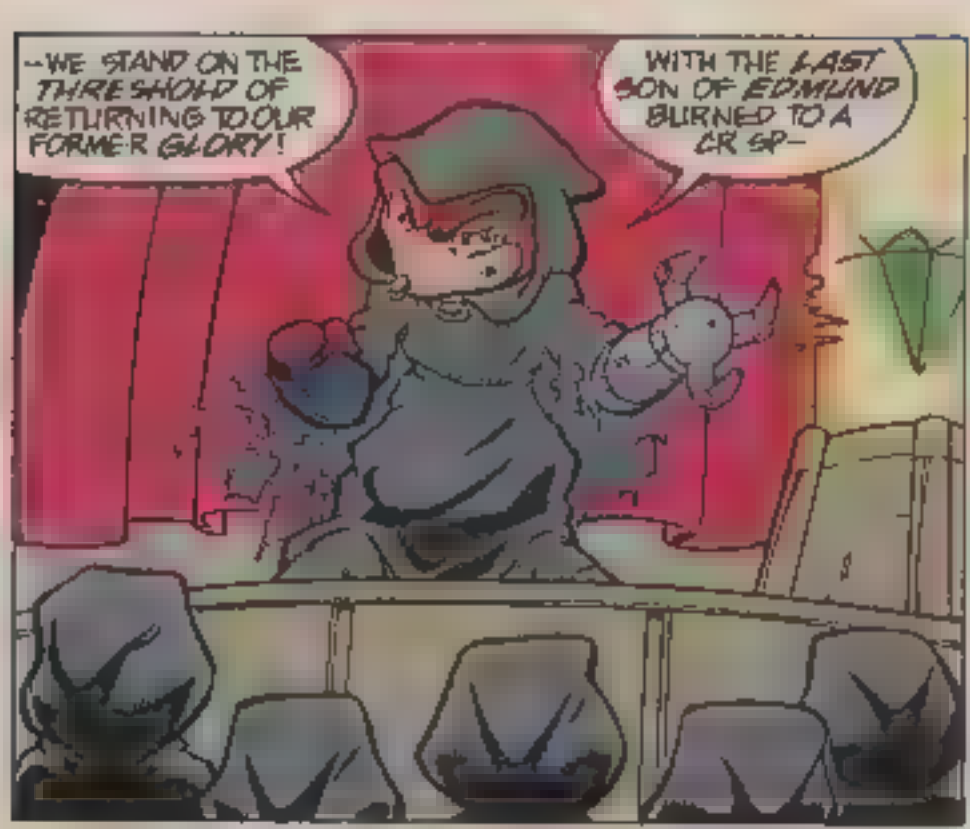
ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?

"WHAT ELSE BUT--"

THE CHAOS EMERALD!

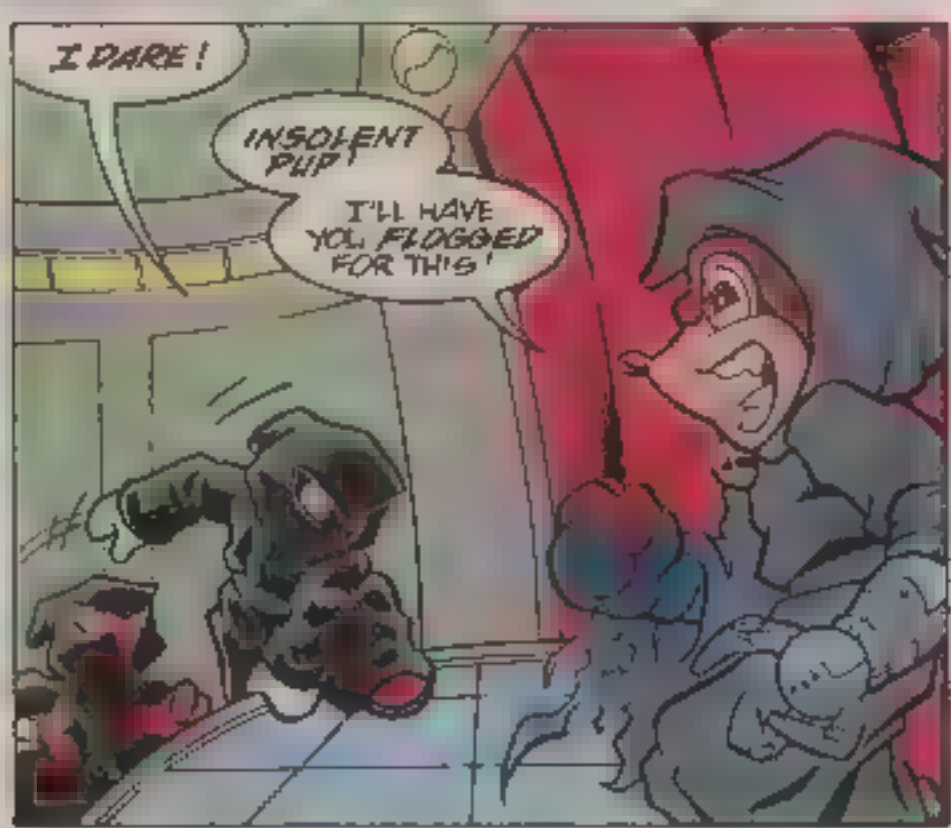
THIS IS WHAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT!

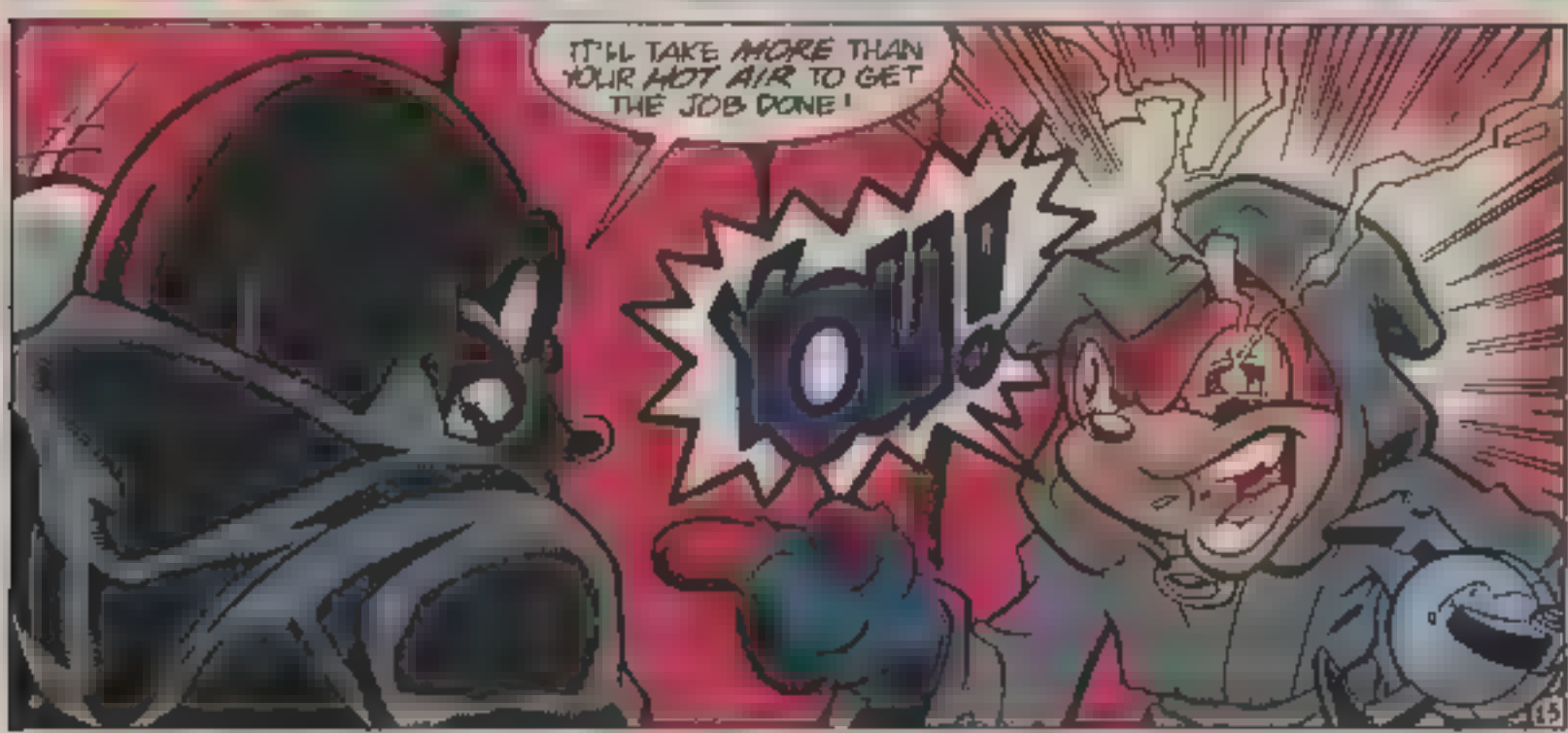
AFTER ALL THIS TIME--


--WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF RETURNING TO OUR FORMER GLORY!
WITH THE LAST SON OF EDMUND BURNED TO A CR SP--

-THERE'S NOTHING TO STEP- EH?
I'D RETHINK THAT CONCEPT IF I WERE YOU!

WHO SAID THAT?!!
WHO DARES MOCK KRAGOK?!!


I DARE!
INSOLENT PUP!
I'LL HAVE YOU FLOGGED FOR THIS!


IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN YOUR HOT AIR TO GET THE JOB DONE!
POW!

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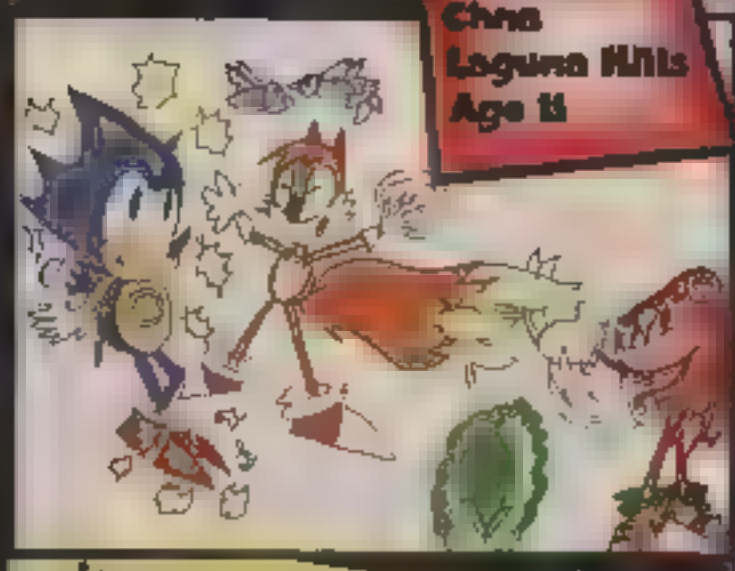
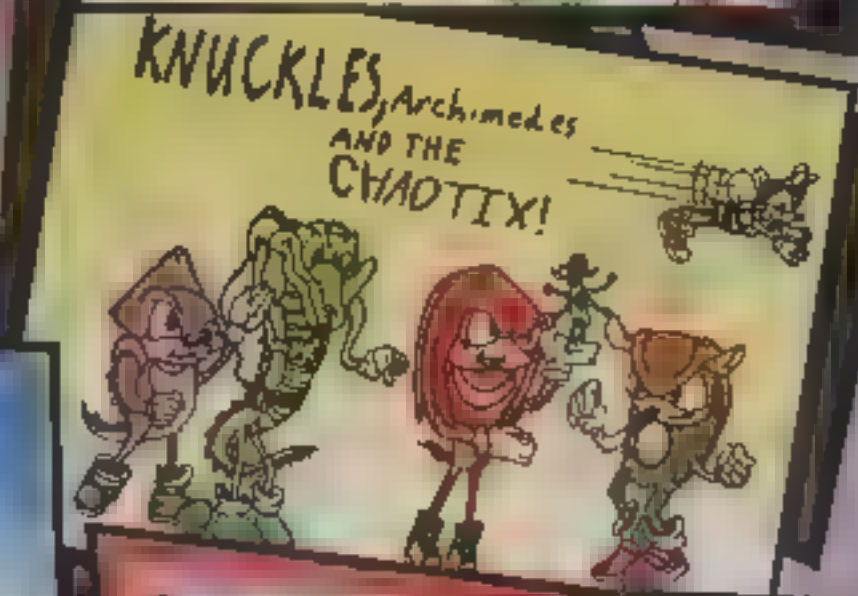
Chua
Laguna Hills
Age 11





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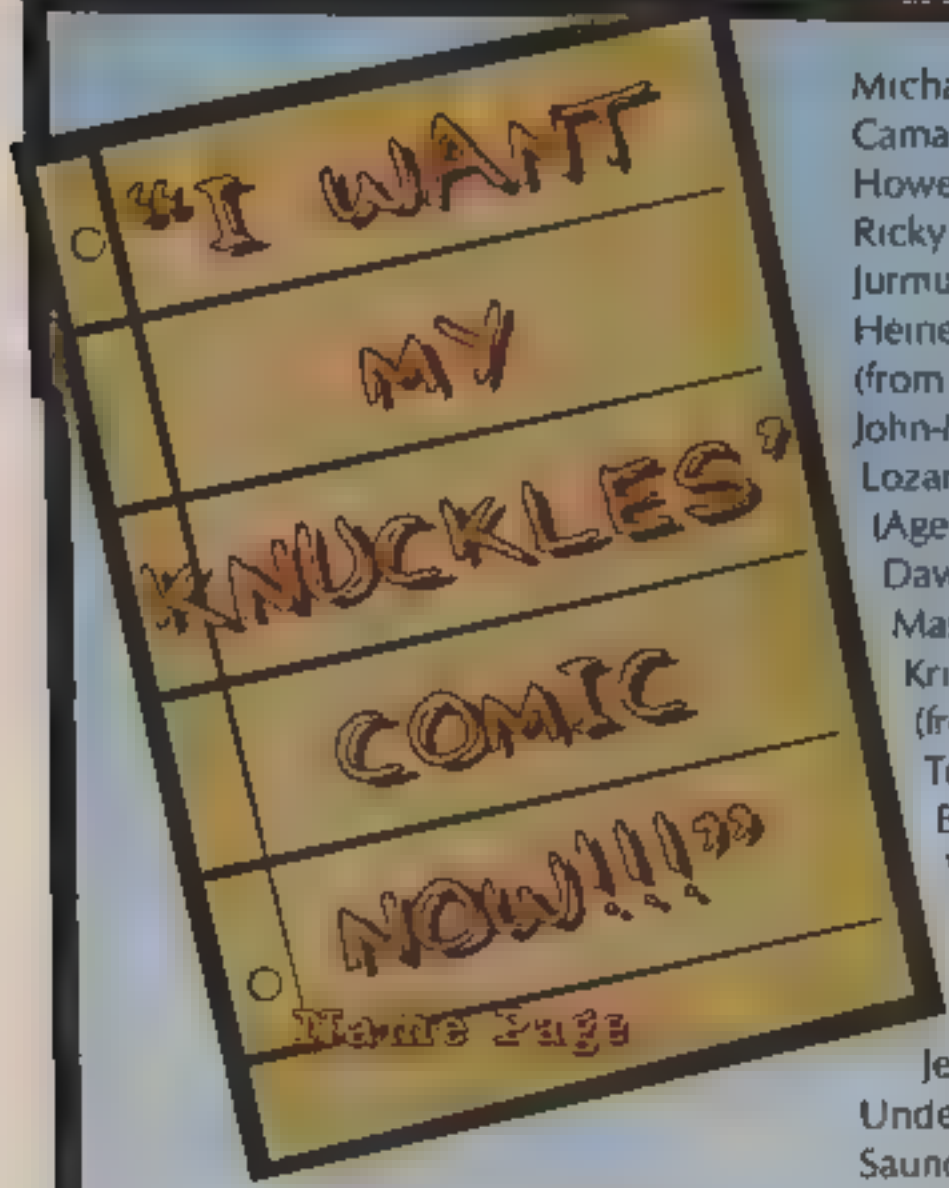

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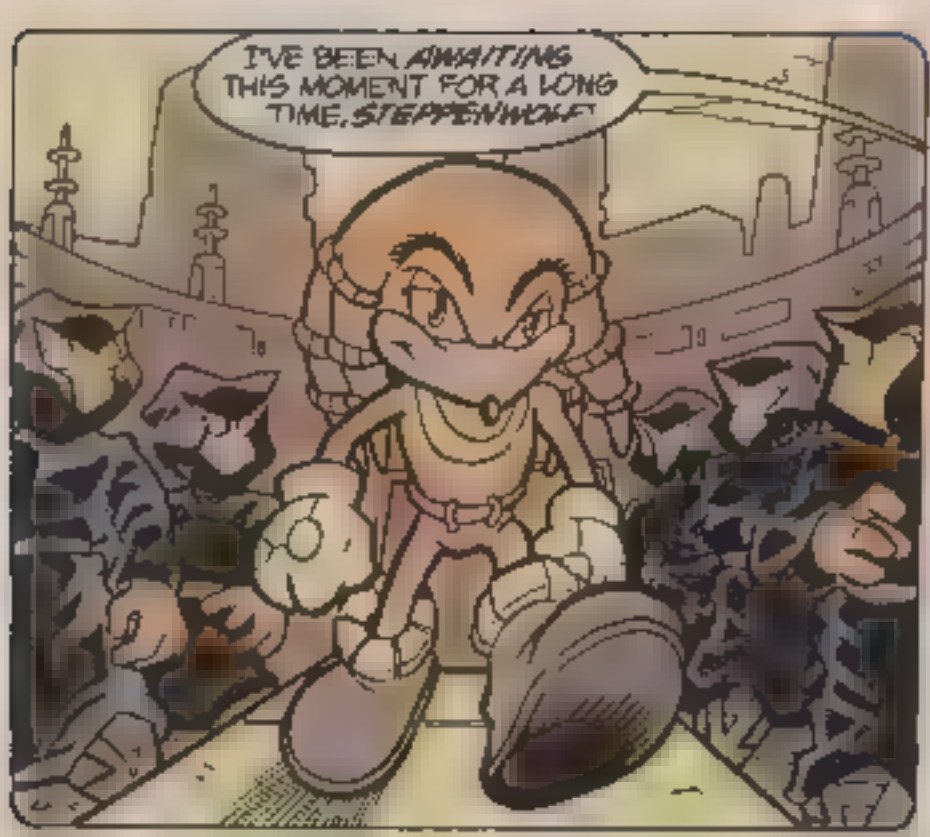
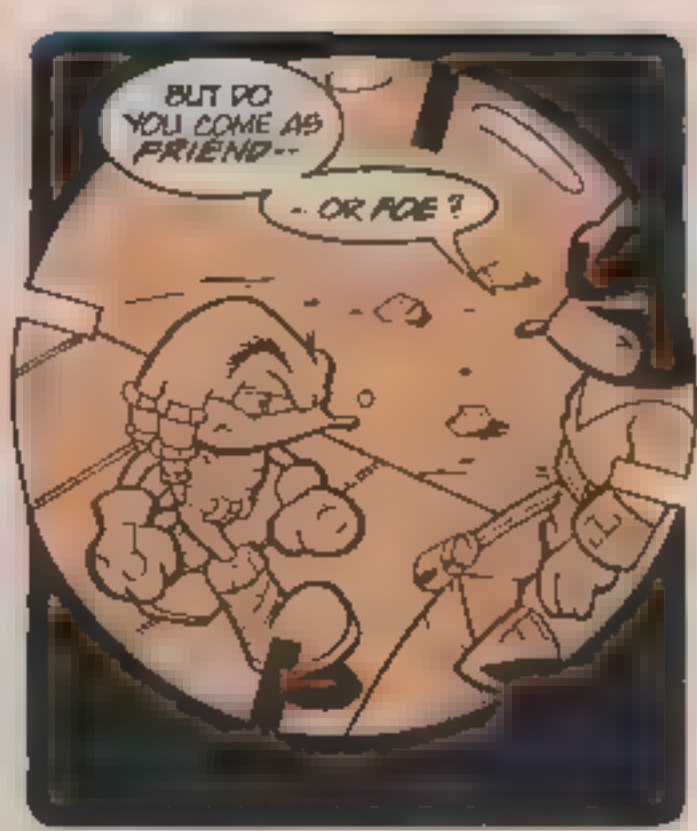
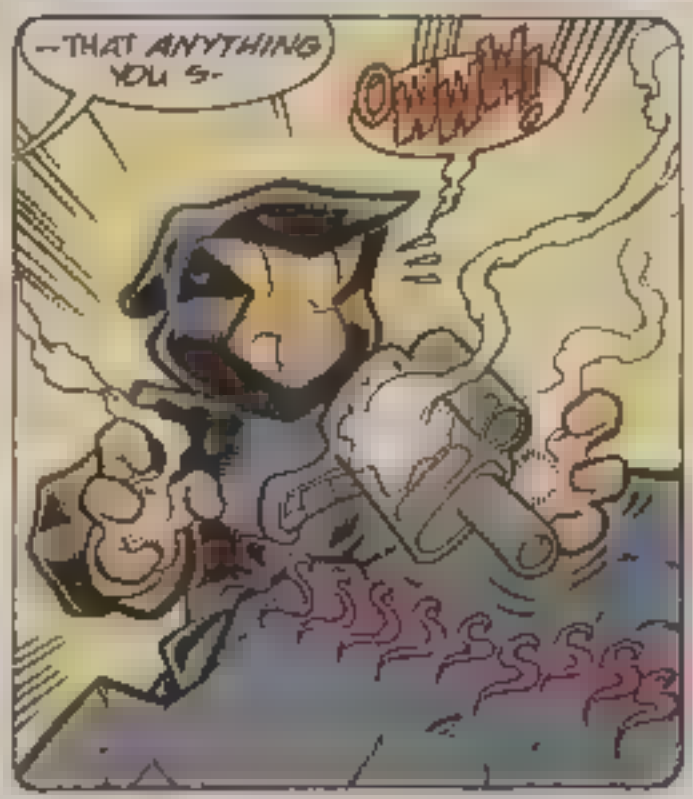

I'VE BEEN AWAITING THIS MOMENT FOR A LONG TIME, STEPPENWOLF!


BUT DO YOU COME AS FRIEND--
--OR FOE?

I COME ALONE--
--WITH THE HOPE OF WORKING OUT AN AGREEMENT!
I DOUBT VERY MUCH--


--THAT ANYTHING YOU S-
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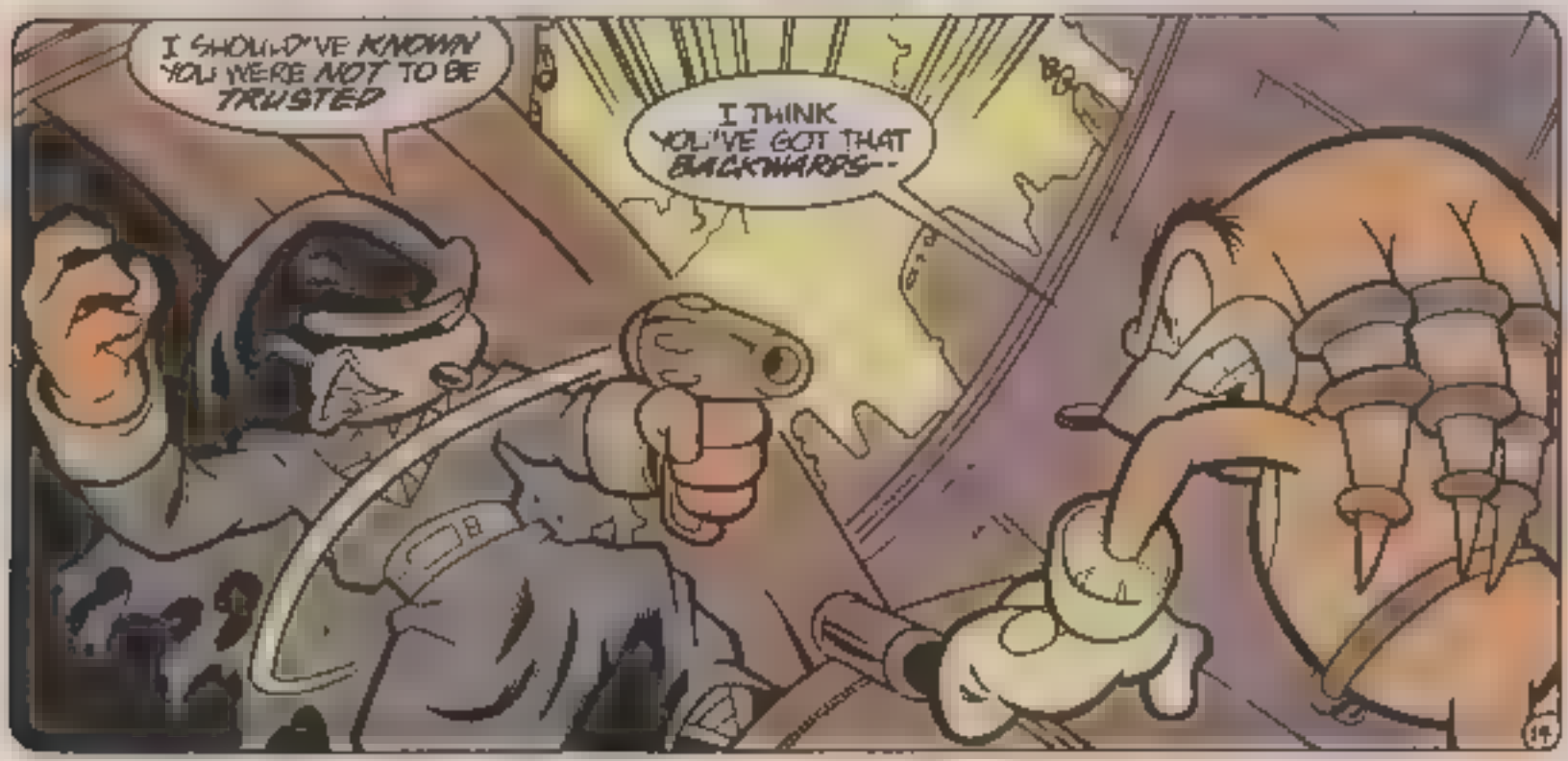
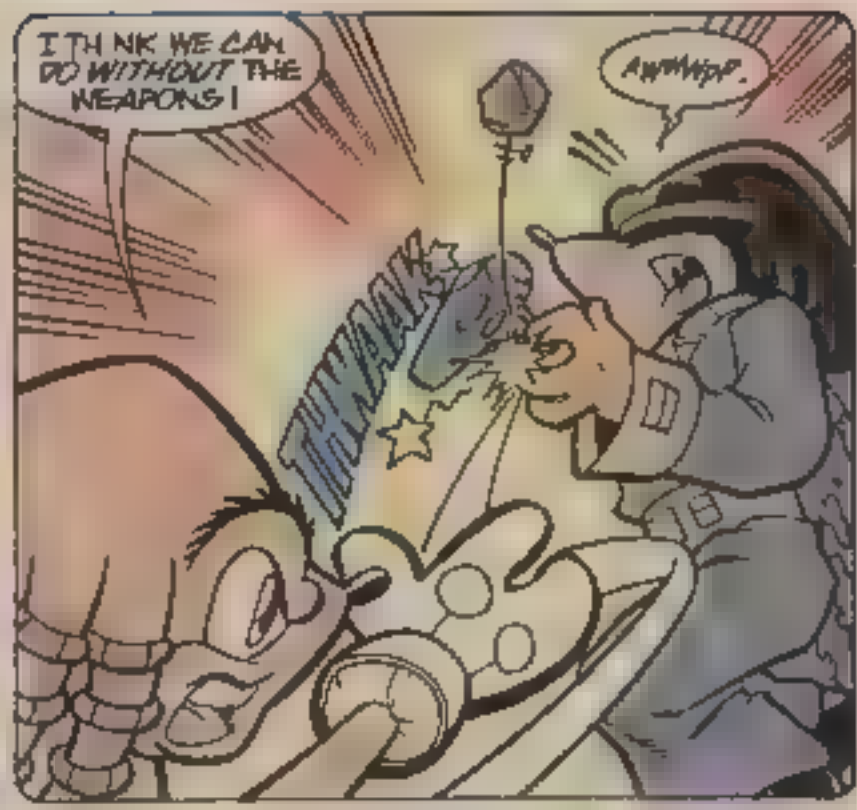
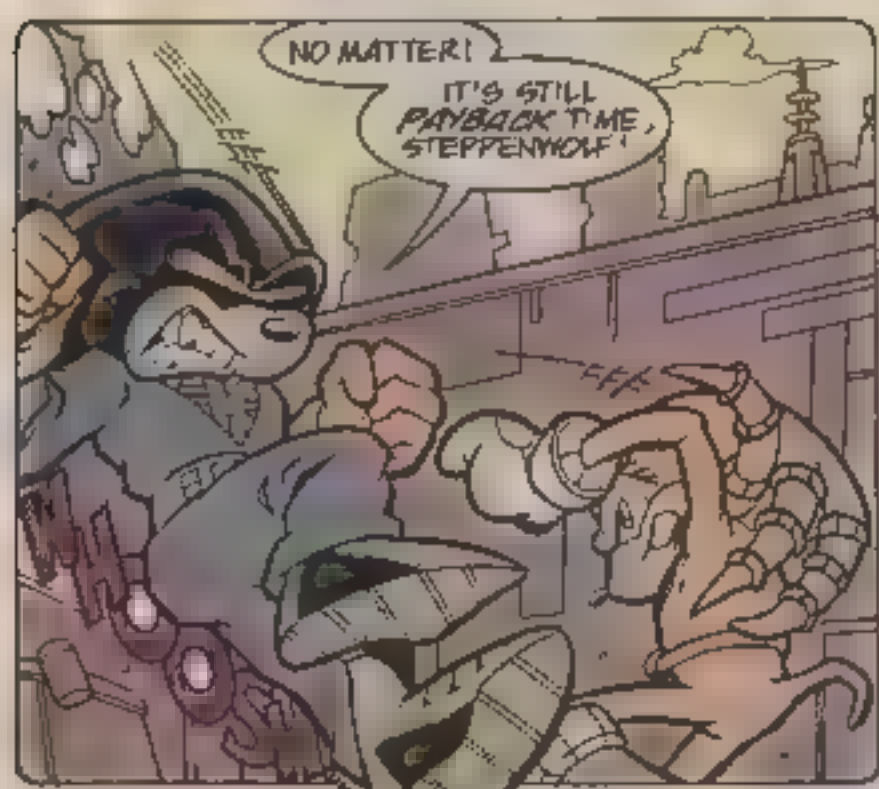

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU WERE NOT TO BE TRUSTED
I THINK YOU'VE GOT THAT BACKWARDS--

—AS WHAT ELSE COULD EXPLAIN AN ASSASSIN WEARING YOUR COLORS!
ZZAAT!


I TH NK WE CAN DO WITHOUT THE WEAPONS!
ANYWHOP.
THWAWK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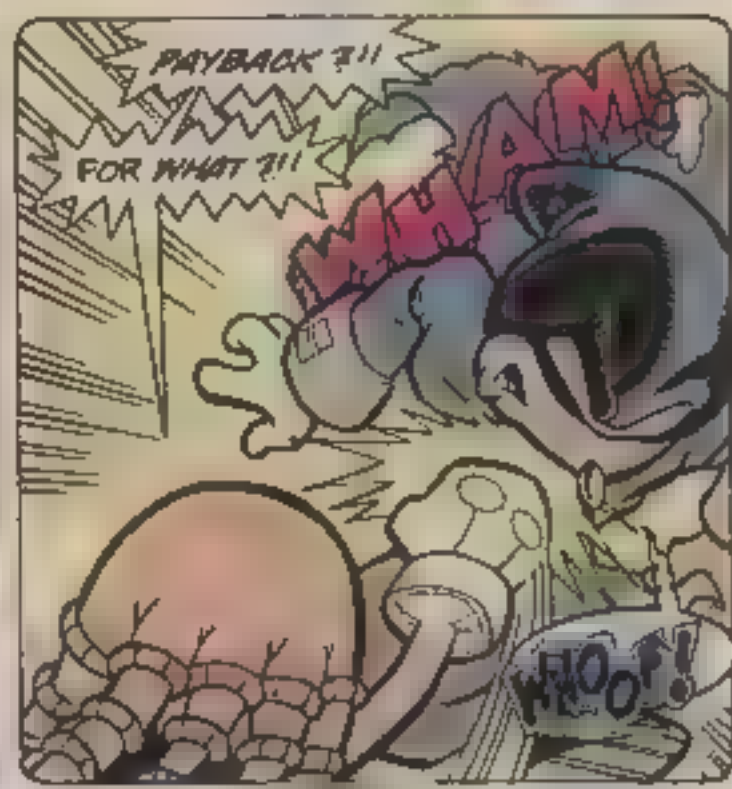
IT'S STILL PAYBACK TIME, STEPPENWOLF!
WHOOSH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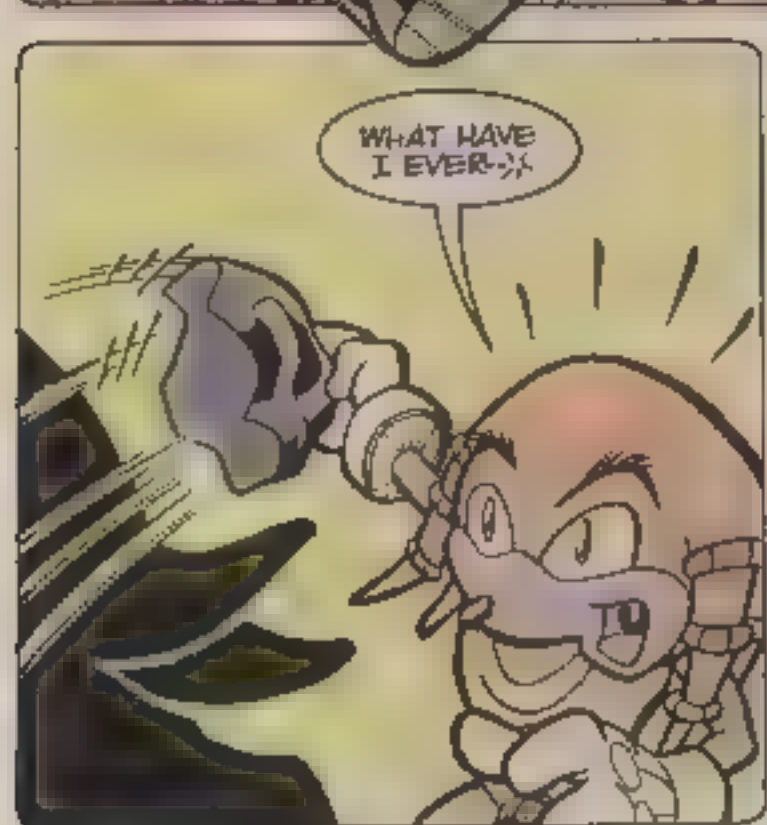
FOR WHAT ?!!
WHAM!
WHOOF!


WHAT HAVE I EVER—

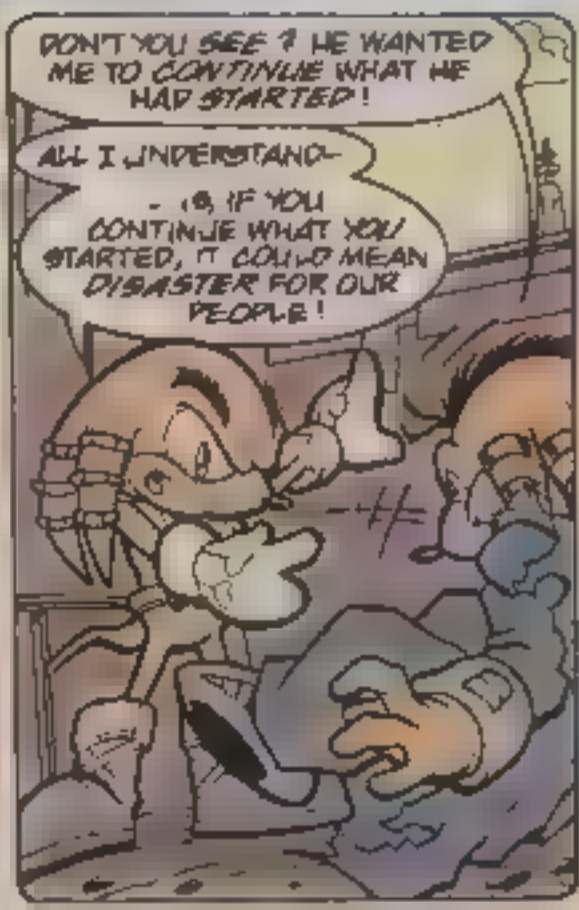
WHY?

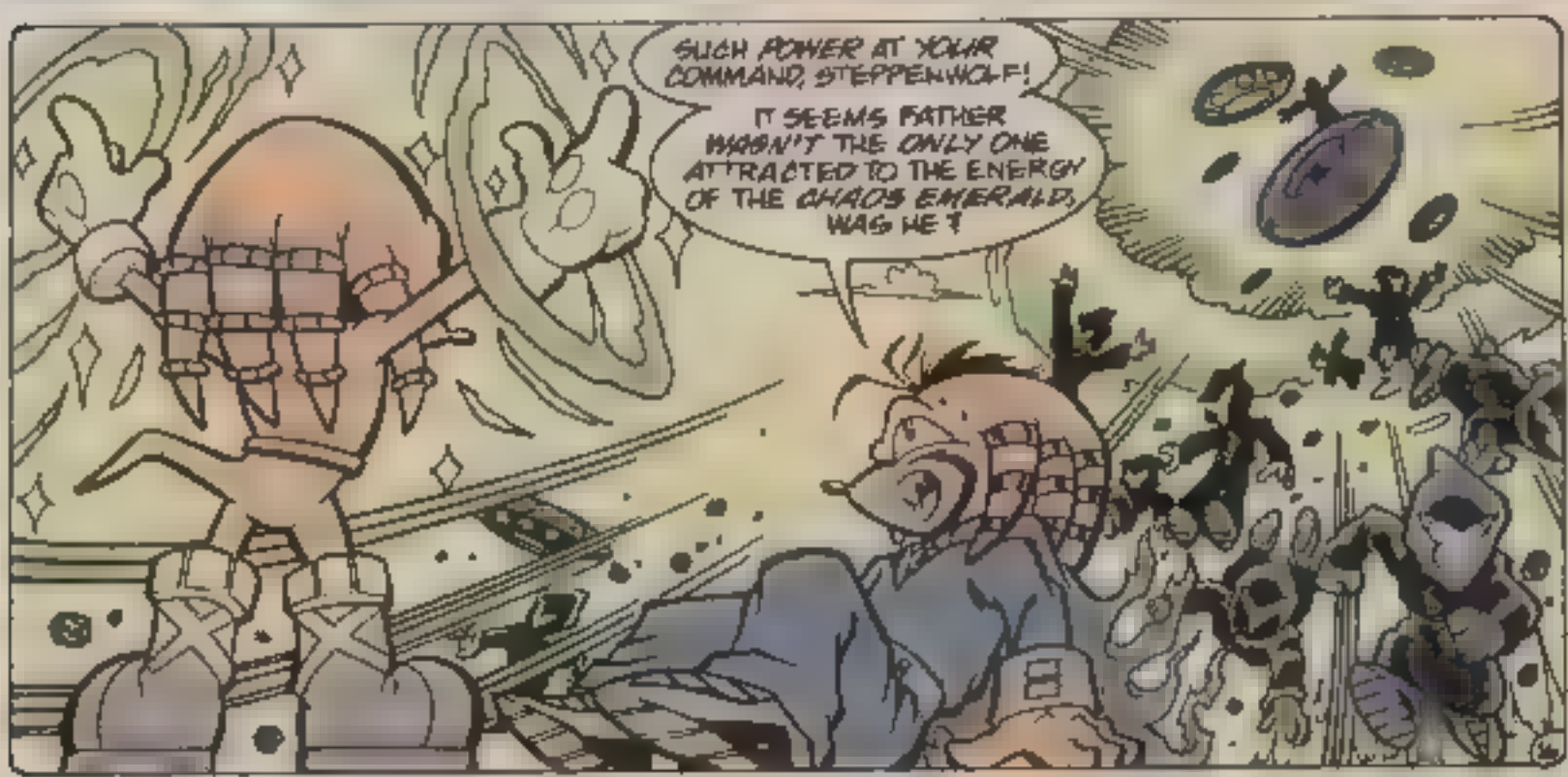
SURPRISED, COUSIN?

THAT'S AMAZING, CONSIDERING.

--IT WAS YOUR FATHER'S TREACHERY THAT RESULTED IN MY FATHER'S DEATH!

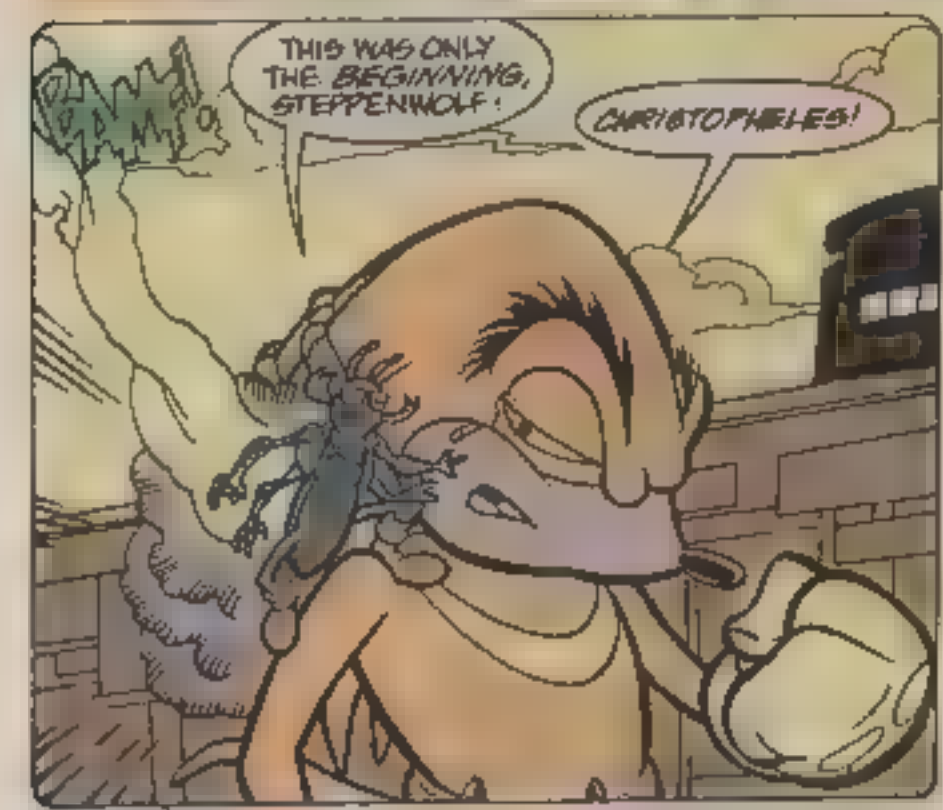
I SPENT MANY A NIGHT AT HIS GRAVESITE IN CONTEMPLATION OVER THAT--





YOU AND YOURS WILL PAY, STEPPENWOLF --

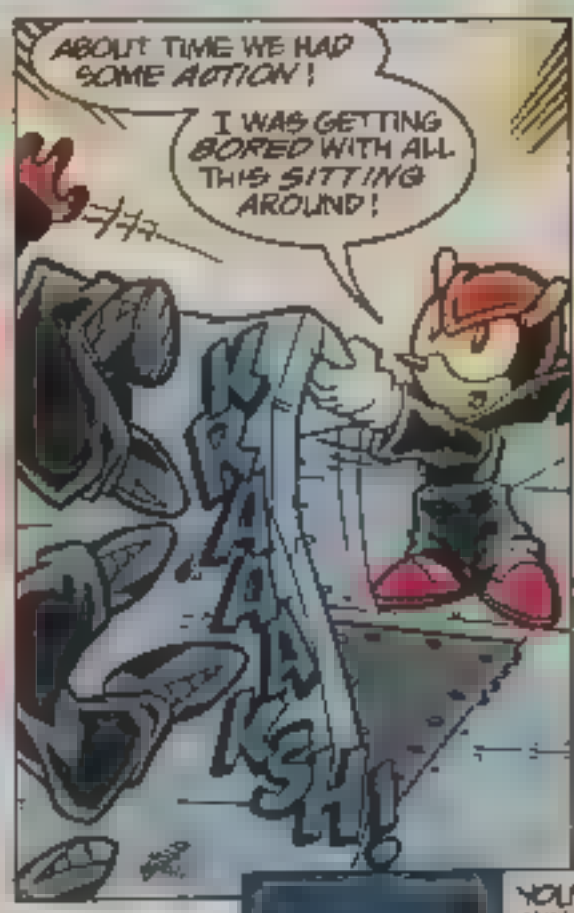
WE HAVE ALL PAID FOR DIMITRI'S PRIDE AND ARROGANCE, MENNIKER!
POW!

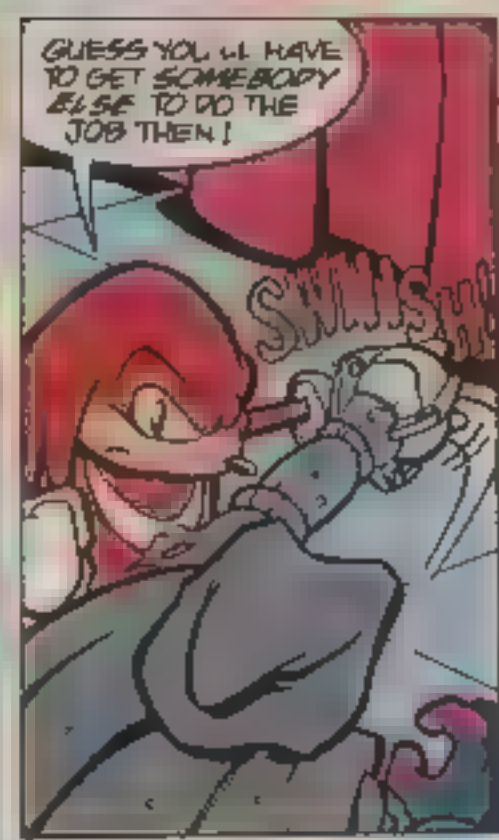

THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING, STEPPENWOLF!
CHRISTOPHELES!

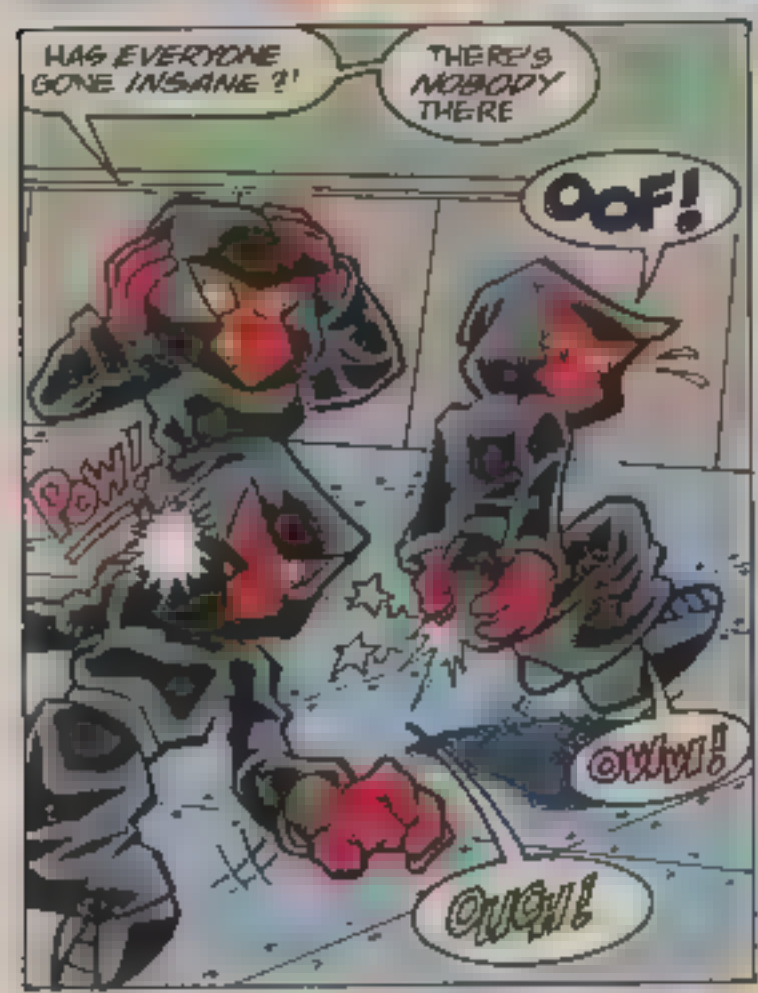
WHAT DIMITRI STARTED CONTINUED WITH HIS SON! WHO KNOWS WHERE IT GOES FROM HERE?

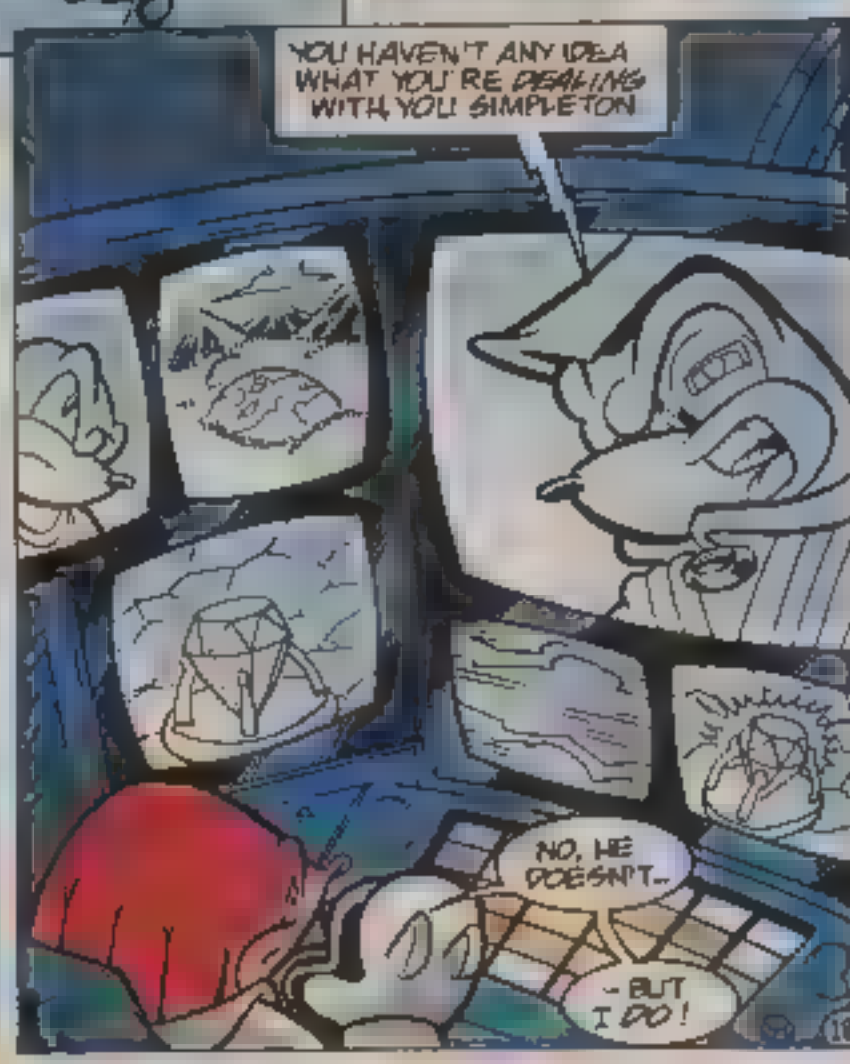
THAT'S A QUESTION FOR ANOTHER DAY!

YOU WANT A JOB DONE RIGHT -
--DO IT YOURSELF, I ALWAYS SAY!
KUMP!


ABOUT TIME WE HAD SOME ACTION!
I WAS GETTING BORED WITH ALL THIS SITTING AROUND!
KRAAAK!


GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO THE JOB THEN!
SWISH


HAS EVERYONE GONE INSANE ?!
THERE'S NOBODY THERE
OOF!
POW!
OWWW!
OUCH!


YOU HAVEN'T ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH, YOU SIMPLETON
NO, HE DOESN'T--
-BUT I DO!

"I NEED TECHNOLOGY TO HELP DEFEAT DIMITRI-*"

WELL, I'LL BE! IRON GRIP BUT GLASS JAW!

*SEE KNUCKLES #3 FREDDY

WHOOP

"-DESPITE GOING AGAINST THE TEACHINGS OF THE BROTHERHOOD."

GUESS WE'RE A COUPLE OF NOBODIES, EH, ESPIO?

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, CHARMY

"BECAUSE ALL THINGS CONSIDERED-"

BANG!

OH, THERE YOU ARE!

ARCHIMEDES!

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I DIDN'T NEED YOU?!

"--I FEARED PUTTING THE CHAOS EMERALD IN JEOPARDY THE MOST!"

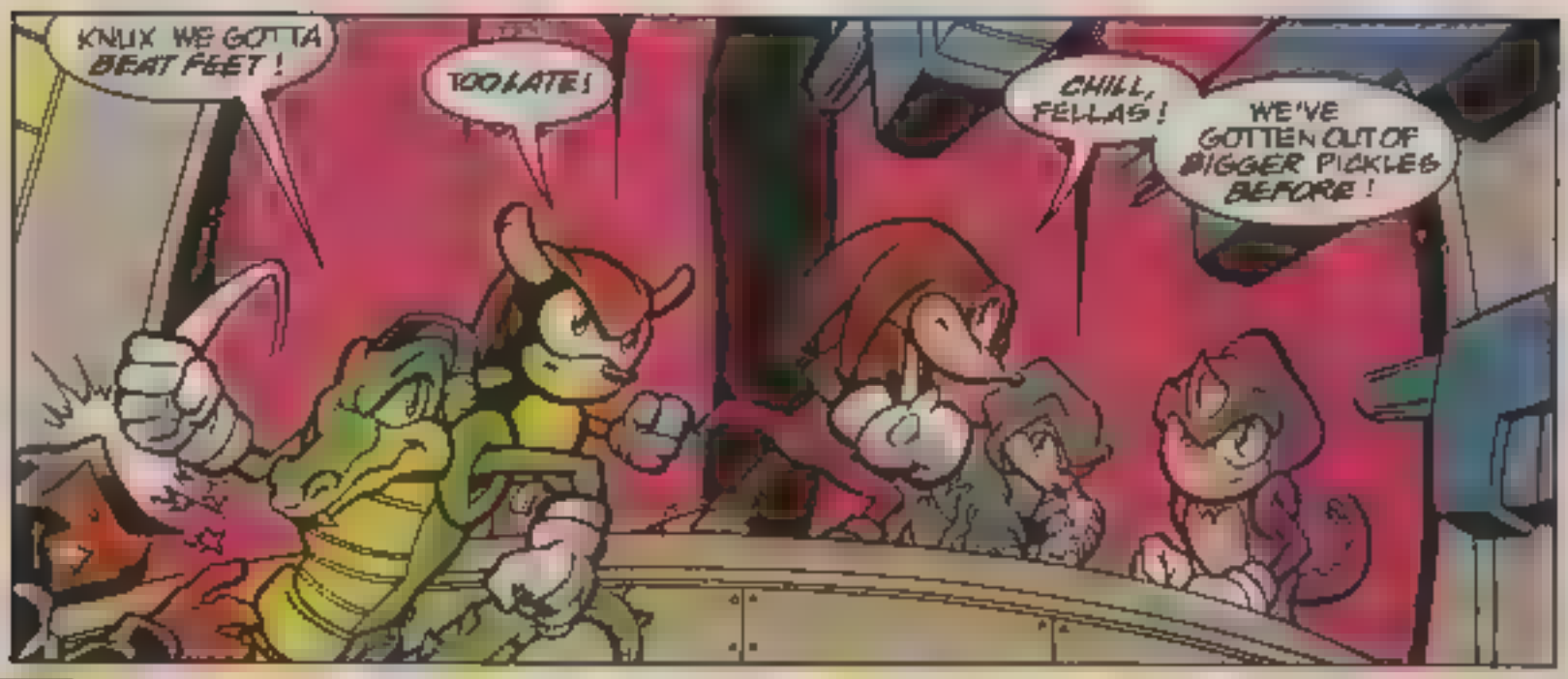
SORRY, GUYS, NO SOFT ROCK-

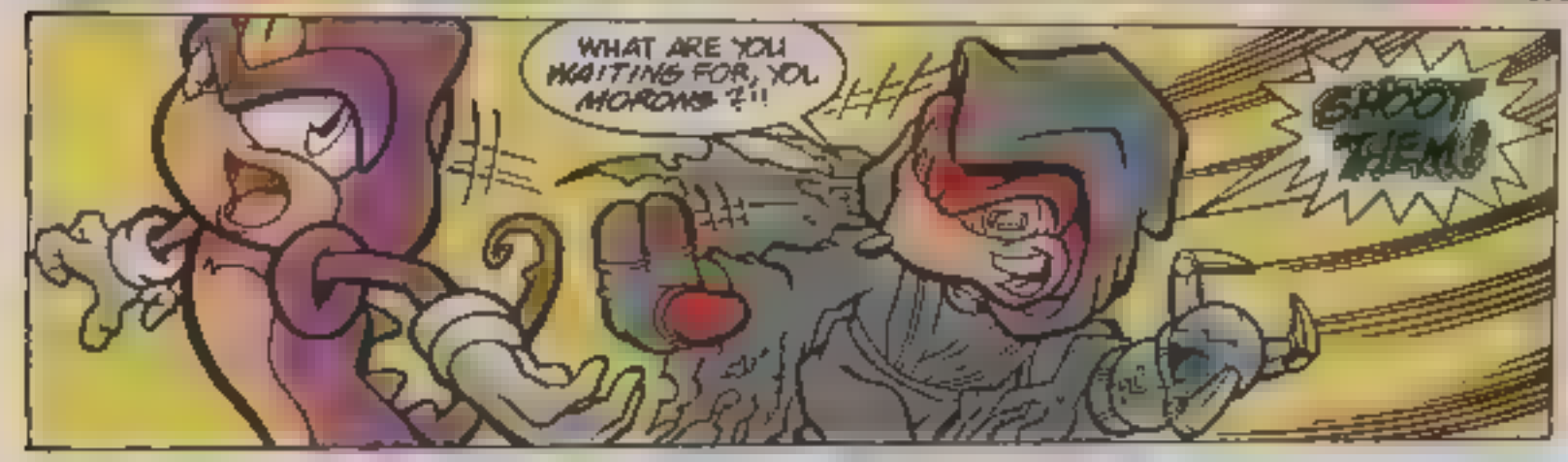
JUST PLENTY OF HEAVY METAL!

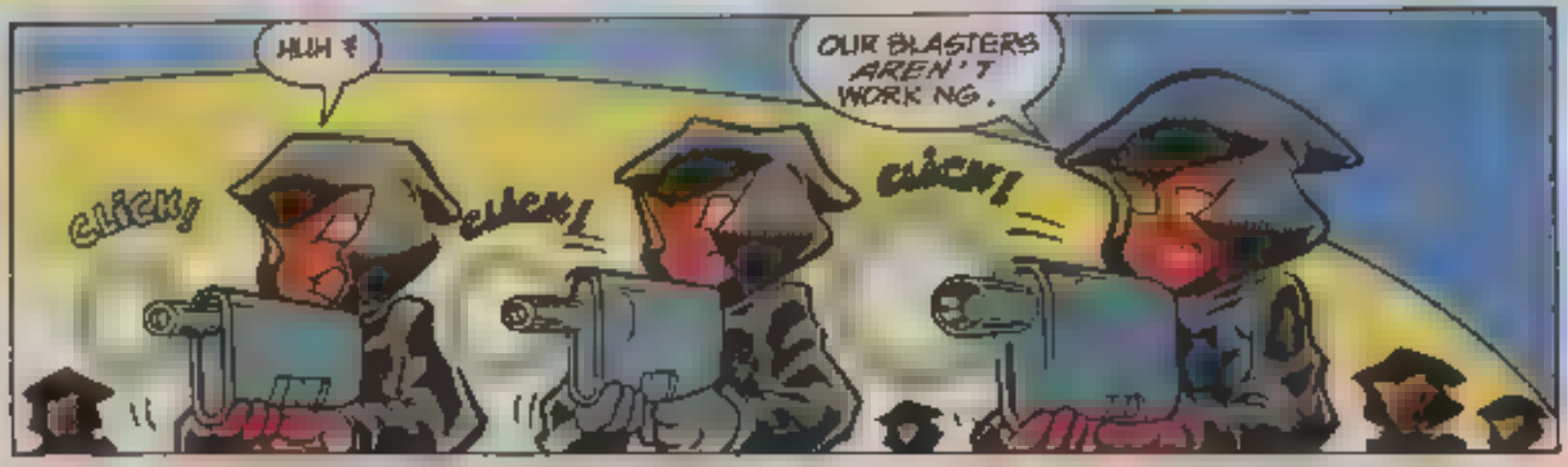
NOW, MORE SO BECAUSE OF MY SON--

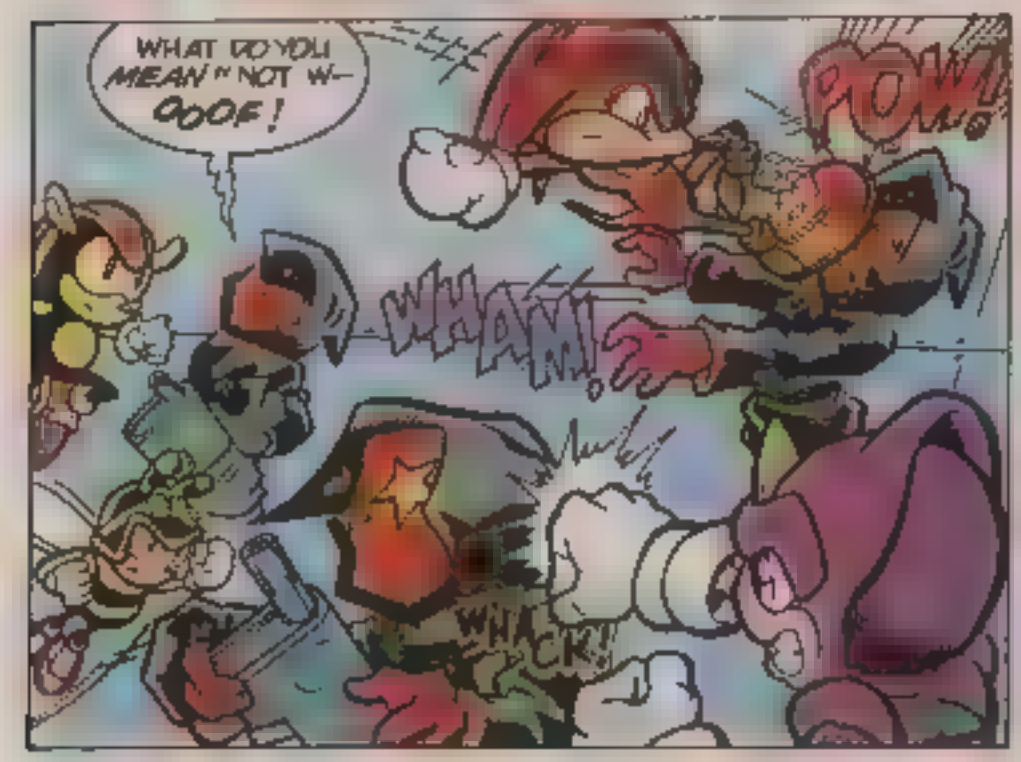
-I AM REMINDED OF MY DUTIES--

--AND THE LINK A GUARDIAN HAS WITH THE EMERALD!


KNUX WE GOTTA BEAT FEET!
TOO LATE!
CHILL, FELLAS!
WE'VE GOTTEN OUT OF BIGGER PICKLES BEFORE!


WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, YOU MORONS?!!
SHOOT THEM!


HUH?
OUR BLASTERS AREN'T WORKING.
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!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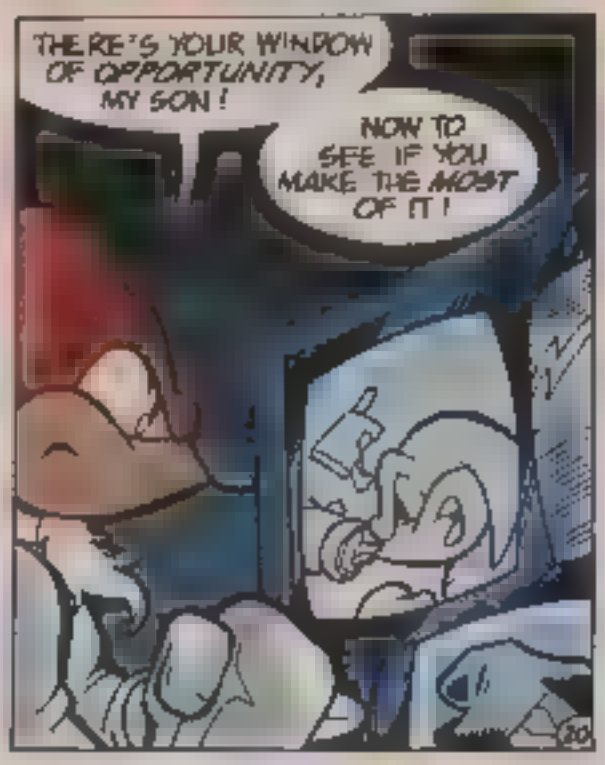
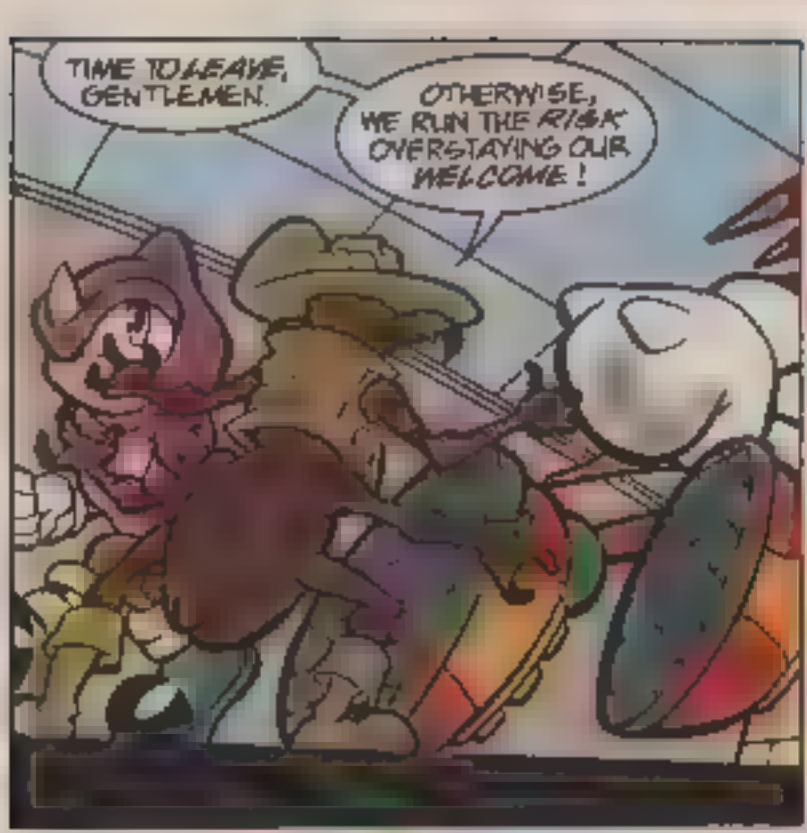
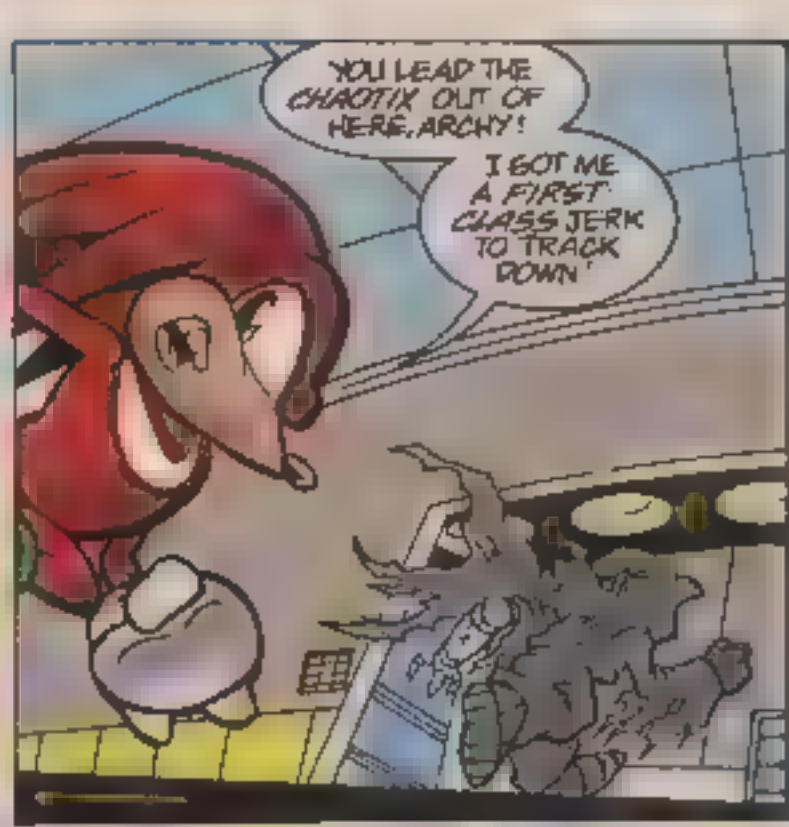
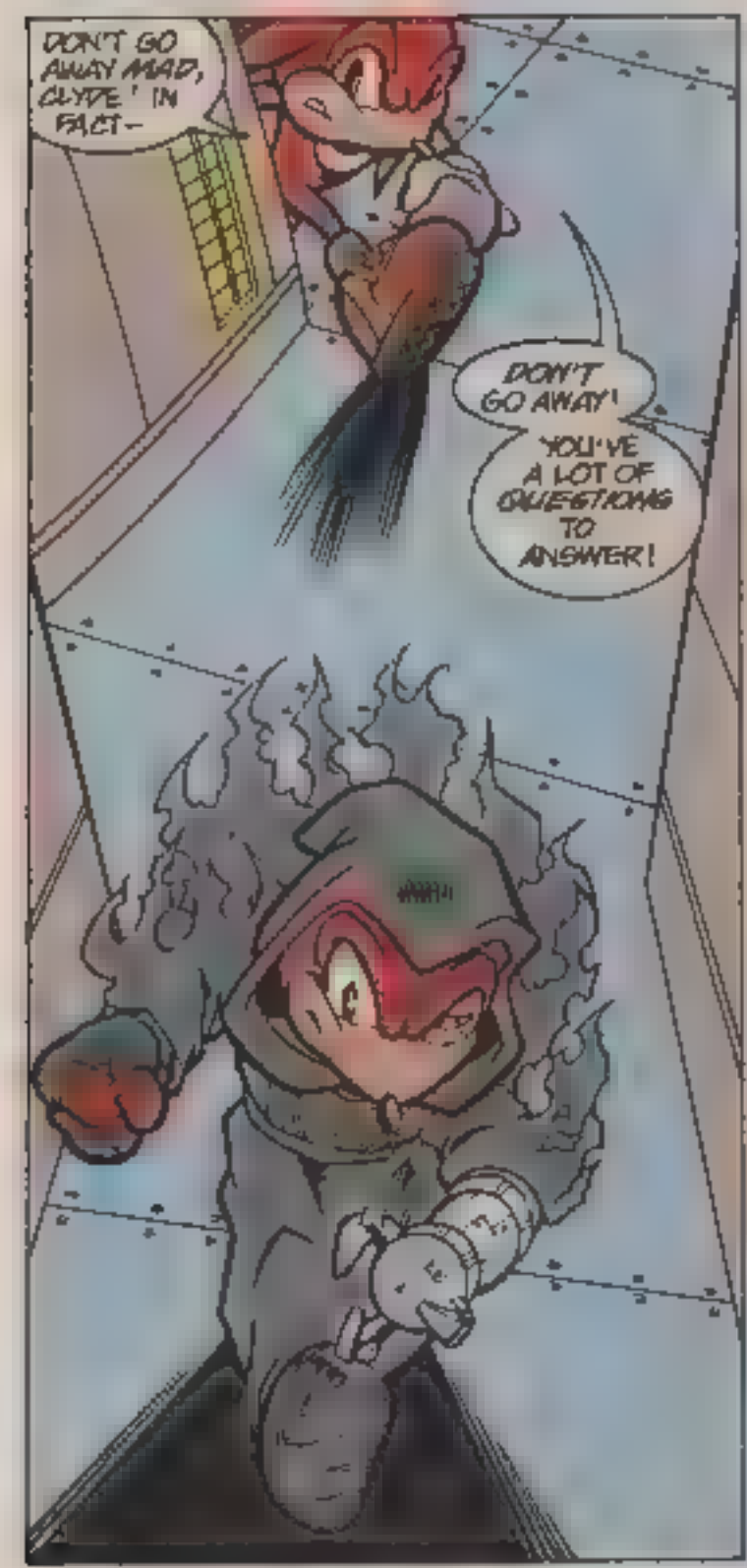
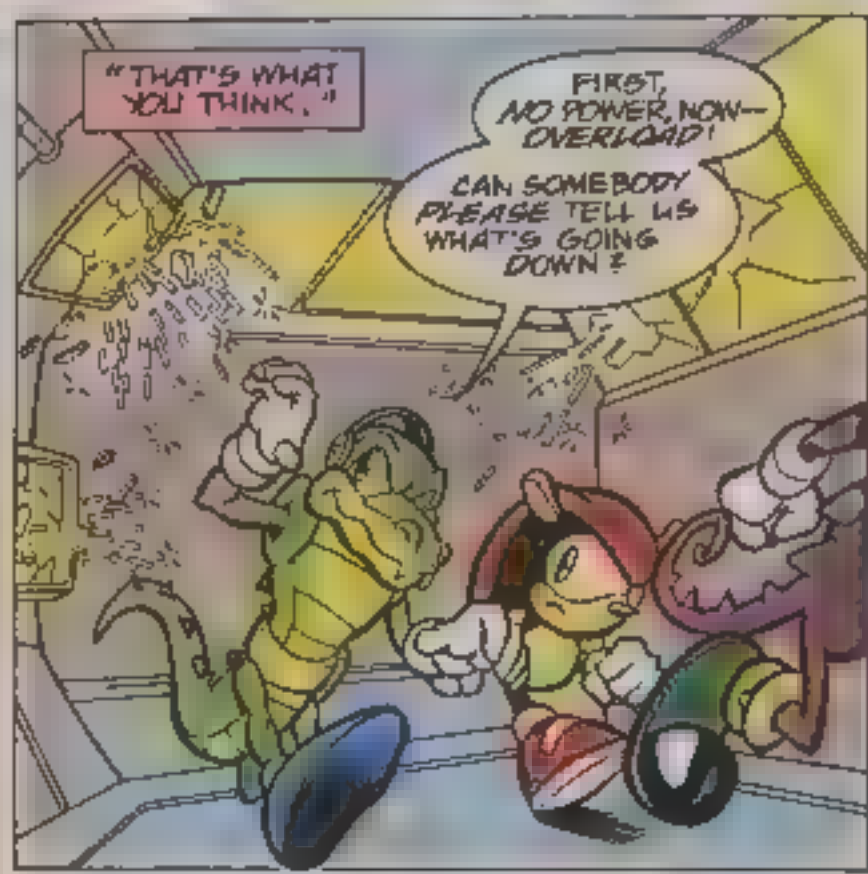
OOOF!
POW!
WHAM!
WHACK!

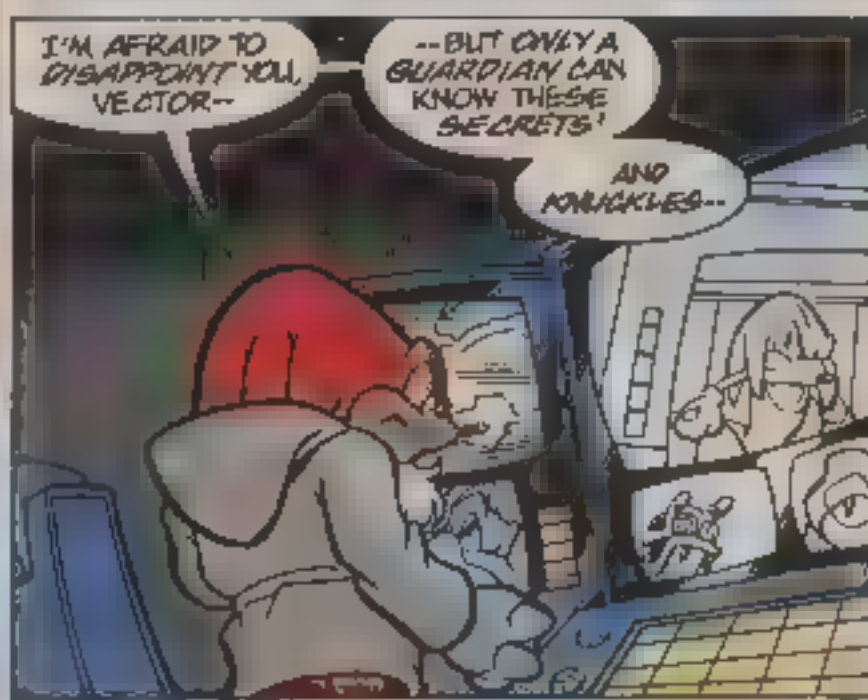

THERE'S YOUR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY, MY SON!
NOW TO SEE IF YOU MAKE THE MOST OF IT!


TIME TO LEAVE, GENTLEMEN.
OTHERWISE, WE RUN THE RISK OVERSTAYING OUR WELCOME!


YOU LEAD THE CHAOTIX OUT OF HERE, ARCHY!
I GOT ME A FIRST CLASS JERK TO TRACK DOWN!


DON'T GO AWAY MAD, CLYDE! IN FACT--
DON'T GO AWAY!
YOU'VE A LOT OF QUESTIONS TO ANSWER!


"THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK."
FIRST, NO POWER, NOW-- OVERLOAD!
CAN SOMEBODY PLEASE TELL US WHAT'S GOING DOWN?


I'M AFRAID TO DISAPPOINT YOU, VECTOR--
--BUT ONLY A GUARDIAN CAN KNOW THESE SECRETS!
AND KNUCKLES--

" STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE HE'S READY! "
UNTIL NEXT TIME
HA HA HA HA HA
OH, BOY, THIS'LL BE A GAS--
--TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE--
ALPHA CHUTES
SO MUCH FOR THAT!
THIS PLACE AIN'T GOING TO PIECES BECAUSE THEY BUILT IT CHEESY!
INCREDIBLE!
TO THINK THEY WOULD WASTE A DUMP LIKE THIS!
NO SIGN OF ANYONE!
THE DARK LEGION MUST'VE GOTTEN OUT ALREADY!
HOPE THE GUYS MADE IT THROUGH OKAY!
KNUCKLES!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOUR UGLY MUG!
YOU SHOULD TALK!
WHERE'S KRAGOK-- AND THE DARK LEGION?!

NOT A TRACE OF 'EM ANYWHERE, KNUCKLES!
THEY MUST'VE HAD A PRE-ARRANGED ESCAPE ROUTE!
NUTS! WE WERE SO UNPREPARED FOR THEM THIS TIME!
NEXT TIME, HOWEVER--
NEXT TIME WILL BE A DIFFERENT STORY!
THE END--
FOR NOW!
LOOK FOR KNUCKLES TO RETURN IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE IN KNUCKLES: LOST PARADISE!

DING! DING! DING!

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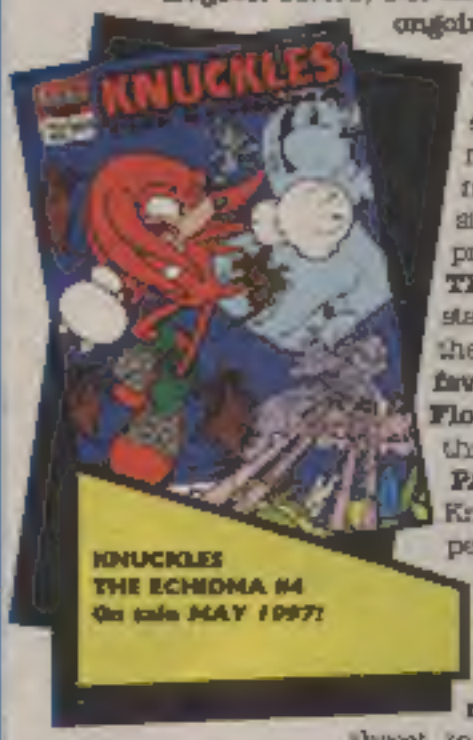
We have reached the end of the **Dark Legion** series, but **Knuckles** continues on... **ongoing** that is! That's right! Because of your overwhelming support to see Knuckles become a regular series, it has now become reality! In sixty days, get set for the premiere of **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #4,** starting a new chapter in the life of everyone's **favorite Guardian of the Floating Island**. In a three-part epic, **"LOST PARADISE"** reunites Knuckles with the one person he never ever expected to see. But an even bigger problem occurs when the fabled city of **Echidnaopolis reappears**, posing a threat to the Floating Island's ecosystem. Don't miss the echidna excitement with regulars Ken Penders, Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy. In the tradition of the first three issues, every three-part story-arc will sport **triple-combo covers** by fan-fave Pat 'Spaz'Iante along with inks by Ken Penders and colors by those maniacs at Heroic Age!



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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those Knuckle Nuts who made this series possible. Thanks also goes to my creative team: Ken P., Manny G., Andrew P., Vickie W., Karl B., The Spaz-Man and Heroic Age. Special thanks to Susan Suarez and Cynthia Wilkes at Sega of America as well as Helen Ball and Neal Seiderman at Strategy Licensing.

In four weeks, read the issue that will force you to take sides. Who will you root for: **Sonic & The Freedom Fighters or... Knuckles & The Chaotix!** That's right, fans. They will go head to head for the prize: **The King's Sword of Acorns!** Promoted by **Mammoth Mogul and The Fearsome Foursome!** This is promising to be the biggest sporting event yet. **SONIC VS. KNUCKLES: BATTLE ROYAL Special #1, on sale late April 1997!**

On other Mobius news, in two weeks **"End Game"** continues. The stakes between **Robotnik** and the Freedom Fighters reaches a fever-pitch. The now-healthy **King Acorn** loses his daughter in an attack on **Robotropolis**, and Sonic is arrested as the culprit responsible. Sonic escapes to clear his name. The King orders none other than **Geoffrey St. John** to track him down. That's when things get nasty. Read **"Sonic The Fugitive!"** in **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #48, on sale April 1997!** Whatever you do, don't miss this one!

BIG P.S.: DON'T MISS THE CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT ISSUE! Prizes will be given away including SONIC 3 game buttons (and as any Knuckles fan knows, SONIC 3 is where Knuckles made his world debut), SONIC & KNUCKLES game mini-posters and the first prize is an original pin-up by Spaz & Manny! Don't miss out!

Yo! Rad Red,

Is the "hot" life good to you? Well, hi! My name's Elizabeth, but you can call me Liz, okay? Anyway "hot" guy, these are my questions... 1) Why do you and Sonic usually fight? 2) How do you get on and off The Floating Island? 3) How come Australians can't use comic coupons!?! Well I guess I'll be back. So long, Knuckles.

Luv,
Liz
[illegible]
[illegible]

What's up, Liz? I have to say it's been real "hot" since the announcement of my new ongoing status. Now on to some answers... 1) Sonic and I annoy each other. That's all. It's nothing personal. He thinks he's so cool, you have to take him down a peg or two. 2) I use my dreadlocks to catch the wind so I can glide on and off. 3) Because international mail can get so tricky, between shipping and handling costs, currency changes and no guarantee that it will make it to you on time (if at all) we cannot, in good conscience, offer it to readers outside the U.S. and Canada. Ask your local retailer if they carry any back issues.

Hello!

Some questions, if you please: 1) Who is the echidna scientist that introduced the white comet threat to the rest of Echidnaopolis? 2) Is there any purpose for Chaos Emeralds other than turning Sonic and Knuckles "super/hyper" and making The Floating Island float? 3) Can you ditch Robotnik? We're all sick of the round guy, Sonic especially.

Forget me (K)not(hole),
Kurt Diehl
Torrence, CA
(but currently residing with a friend in TN)

Answer time: 1) The name of the echidna scientist is Mayla-la. She will always be remembered. 2) Robotnik is constantly looking for oil, and these days it is in short supply. That's why he looks toward the power rings that have a limited amount of energy and the Chaos Emeralds for their limitless supply of power. All those looking for power want that gem. 3) Things are cooking up at Robotropolis even as we speak. Check out SONIC #47-#50 for the lowdown.

That's it for this month. See you in June! Knuckles signing off!

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